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Stennis sailors say final farewell

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Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Sailors aboard USS John C. Stennis gather on the flight deck during a memorial service to honor four fallen sailors who died when their S-3B Viking crashed on Kita I Jima, an uninhabited island 625 miles southeast of mainland Japan. The remains of Lt. Patrick Sean Myrick, 31, of Santa Monica, Calif.; Lt. James Joseph Puppino, 34, of Selden, N.Y.; Lt. Cmdr. Scott Allen Zellen, 35, of Indiana, Pa.; and Petty Officer 2nd Class Joshua Brent Showalter, 24, of Fontana, Calif., who were assigned to Sea Control Squadron (VS) 35, based at Naval Air Station North Island, Calif., were found Monday.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Twins on the mend: The 2-year-old twins whose conjoined heads were surgically separated this month are making a rapid recovery, one of their surgeons said.

"They're behaving like babies who have had a craniofacial operation half as long as theirs," said David Staffenberg, one of the boys' surgeons at Montefiore Medical Center.

The Filipino twins, Clarence and Carl Aguirre, underwent a 17-hour procedure to be separated on Aug. 4.

School vouchers: A Florida law that allows students at failing public schools to attend private schools at taxpayers' expense is unconstitutional, a state appeals court ruled Monday.

The decision by the 1st District Court of Appeal upholds a ruling by a trial judge saying the state constitution forbids the use of tax money to send youngsters to religious schools.

The law has been in force during the state's appeal, which now goes to the Florida Supreme Court.

World

Pope 'seriously weakened': One of 15 cardinals with Pope John Paul II during a week-end visit to a French shrine was quoted in Belgian media Monday as saying the ailing pontiff was "seriously weakened" and may have been making his farewells.

"It was one of the most moving celebrations ever," Belgian Cardinal Godfried Danneels, who is seen as a possible future pope, was quoted in two newspapers as saying from Lourdes, France, on Sunday.

"The pope is seriously weakened," he said. "When the pope says, 'I end my pilgrimage here,' then that can be taken two ways... his farewell to Lourdes and maybe to his life."

Monday was an official holiday at the Vatican, and church officials did not immediately issue any comment on the cardinal's assessment of the pope's health.

Japan nuclear accident: The operator of a nuclear power plant where a long-neglected cooling pipe burst and killed four workers last week said Monday four other pipes at its reactors also went unchecked for years.

Kansai Electric has temporarily shut down all of its nuclear power facilities for conduct inspections after the Aug. 9 accident,



California wildfires: Helitankers try to halt the spread of a fire as it travels west along Highway 299 in French Gulch, Calif., on Sunday. More than 1,000 firefighters battled a wind-driven wildfire that roared through this old mining town in Northern California, destroying more than 20 homes and forcing 300 residents to evacuate.

dent, in which a pipe burst and burned workers with scalding hot water and superheated steam.

The pipe's wall had eroded over years of use but it hadn't been checked since the reactor was built in 1976, despite a warning from inspectors last year that it posed a danger.

The results of a Kansai Electric investigation announced Monday revealed there

were four other areas of pipe at four of its reactors that also hadn't been checked for wall width since construction.

Georgia rebellion: Separatist fighters killed two government peacekeepers in Georgia's breakaway South Ossetia region early Monday, prompting the Georgian defense minister to warn about "a real threat of war."

The rebellious region has posed a stiff challenge to Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili, whose efforts at reunifying the nation have collided with residents' hopes of joining Russia after more than a decade of de facto independence from Georgia.

Bobby Fischer: Former chess champion Bobby Fischer announced plans Monday in Tokyo to marry a leading Japanese chess official and appealed to Secretary of State Colin Powell to help him renounce U.S. citizenship, the latest in a series of moves as he seeks to block attempts to deport him to the United States.

Fischer, wanted in the United States for violating international sanctions by playing a match in the former Yugoslavia in 1992, was detained in Japan last month when trying to travel on a revoked American passport.

Fischer's lawyer, Masako Suzuki, said the former world champion and Japan Chess Association President Miyoko Watai had signed marriage papers that would be submitted later Monday.

The two had been living together since 2000 and decided to legally formalize their relationship, Suzuki said in a statement.

N. Korea nuclear talks: North Korea's government said Monday it would not attend working meetings ahead of six-party talks on its nuclear program and blasted the North for demands that the North fully disclose its nuclear activities.

The North's Foreign Ministry said Washington was still showing hostile intentions toward the communist nation.

The United States has said it would like to convene a working party meeting of participants in the six-nation talks as soon as possible to prepare for the next session, expected by the end of September. Along with the United States and North Korea, the talks include South Korea, China, Japan and Russia.

At the latest talks in June, North Korea offered to freeze its nuclear program in exchange for energy, lifting of U.S. economic sanctions and removal from Washington's list of state sponsors of terrorism.

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Marines remove wreckage from helo crash

Futenma deals with local protests, police after copter accident

BY DAVID ALLEN

Stars and Stripes

GINOWAN, Okinawa — Marines on Monday began to remove the wreckage of a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter that crashed on the grounds of Okinawa International University.

As a small group of protesters demonstrated nearby demanding the closure of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, the work crew of civilians and Marines from the base cut down trees in preparation for using a large crane to lift the wreckage from the base of a building the helicopter clipped Friday.

The protesters gathered on the sidewalk across the street from the main crash site, shouting slogans in Japanese and English.

"Denounce helicopter accident!" they yelled in English. "Close Futenma base!"

At one point, Marines in white protective suits and masks climbed into the wreckage to prepare for the removal of the gearbox. After the tail section was removed, they hosed down the remaining wreckage.

Later in the day, as a flatbed trailer hauled away the tail section, which had been covered with a tarp, about 20 of the protesters chased after it, shouting slogans and carrying protest banners. Each time they attempted to run in the street, they were pushed back by Okinawa riot police.

The school is just outside the Marine air base's fence line. The helicopter went down about 2:20 p.m. Friday after a tail rotor failure, according to Okinawa police.

Marines have been careful not to speculate publicly on the cause of the crash. Late Friday Marine Lt. Gen. Robert R. Blackman, the Okinawa area coordinator and III Marine Expeditionary Force commander, stated the crash occurred during routine training and was caused by "some type of mechanical failure."

All flights were suspended during the weekend for safety inspections. All CH-53s remained grounded Monday as each was given a thorough safety check.

Okinawa prefectural police said they



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Above: Protesters and media begin to flood the street as the flat-bed truck carrying the tail of the CH-53D leaves the grounds of Okinawa International University on Monday. The protesters chased the truck down the street and had to be pushed back onto the sidewalk by Okinawa riot police. Right: Japanese workers cut down the trees surrounding the wreckage of the helicopter that crashed on Friday.



were told the cause of the crash most likely was a tail rotor failure that made it impossible for the pilot to control the aircraft. Police said witnesses saw the tail rotor and its vertical support fin detach and fall to the ground some 370 yards south of the main crash site.

The three crewmembers, all based in Hawaii and on Okinawa for a six-month deployment for training, survived the crash. Two were treated at the U.S. Naval Hospital for minor injuries. The pilot was admitted in critical condition Friday night and upgraded to stable condition on Saturday.

Their names and the nature of their injuries have not been released. They're attached to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 at MCAS Futenma.

Okinawa police said they still awaited the Marines' action on their request, made Friday, to examine the wreckage as part of their investigation into the crash.

"As of 4 p.m. Monday, we have heard nothing from the military concerning our request," said a police spokesman at the Okinawa prefectural police headquarters in Naha.

"We have received many calls and faxes from Okinawans, criticizing the situation," he said. "Each time we reply saying that we can do as to act in conformity with the law."

Under the U.S.-Japan status of forces agreement, the U.S. military has primary jurisdiction over accidents involving U.S. military personnel on official duty.

Ginowan Mayor Yoichi Iha, who wants the Marine base closed within five years, said Monday he was upset flight activity had resumed at the base, which lies in the middle of his heavily developed city.

During a meeting with Marine Brig. Gen. James F. Flock, commander of Marine Corps Base on Okinawa, at Ginowan City Hall Monday, Iha demanded cessation of all flights.

"There is absolutely no way for us to accept resumption of aircraft operations," Iha told the general.

The general said he deeply regretted the fear and anxiety the accident caused city residents. "We are extremely thankful that none of your citizens were injured," Flock said.

"If the military takes the accident lightly because there was no fatality, it is a completely wrong perception," Iha retorted. "It is a miracle that no one died. The accident proved how dangerous the air station is — it showed us that Futenma is a defective air station, therefore no aircraft operations should be conducted."

Iha said he did his homework and cited a U.S. congressional report made in October 2002 that identified CH-53s as having low accident rates. "Therefore, if the helicopter with the lowest accident rate fails, what of the other helicopters?" he asked.

"The helicopter involved in this accident flew about 300 to 400 meters after it started having trouble until it crashed," he said. "During that time, it flew over densely populated areas."

"The fear our residents experienced is something that will be impossible to erase from their minds," he said. "From now on they will live in growing unrest each time a helicopter flies over them."

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Navy holds memorial for remains recovered from Viking wreck

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

The Navy recovered the remains of all four Navy aviators killed when their S-3B Viking crashed on Kita I Jima last week, Navy officials said Monday, and was expected to halt recovery operations soon, leaving most of the aircraft wreckage on the small volcanic island.

The announcement came after crew and officers of the USS John C. Stennis aircraft carrier, many donning their whites, had gathered on deck for a memorial service, as S-3B Vikings flew over-

"The recovery operation was focused on the recovery of human remains and hazardous materials and that recovery is complete."

head in a missing man formation and the four aviators were given a 21-gun salute.

Their Viking was flying a practice mission from the Stennis when radio contact with the crew was lost at 7:42 p.m. Aug. 10 — between sunset and moonrise, said Cmdr. Scott Gureck, a 7th Fleet spokesman.

The San Diego-based crew members were identified as Lt. Patrick Sean Myrick, 31; Lt. James Joseph Puppio, 34; Lt. Cmdr. Scott Allen Zellen, 35; and Aviation Electronics Technician Second Class Joshua Brent Shovack, 24. Rear Adm. Patrick Walsh, the Stennis commander, called the four "men of virtue, pride and commitment," as the ceremony ended with the playing of taps.

Gureck said, "I expect recovery operations will conclude shortly. Recovery teams believe they have recovered as much of the human remains as they can

find and they'll likely be able to find."

With the S-3B Viking's pieces strewn on a sheer mountain face 1,400 feet above sea level, retrieving the wreckage would be an extremely dangerous task, Gureck said.

"That's something that's going to have to be determined in the future, in concert with the Japanese government," he said. "At some point, we have to determine whether it makes sense to recover the wreckage because I think certainly we don't want to cause any more loss of human life."

"The recovery operation was fo-

cused on the recovery of human remains and hazardous materials and that recovery is complete," Gureck said.

Air Force rescue personnel had to rappel from a helicopter to reach the wreckage about 100 feet below a ridgeline, Gureck said.

"It was extremely dangerous. It's practically a sheer cliff face that they were trying to conduct recovery operations on," he said.

An active volcano, the uninhabited Kita I Jima juts 2,600 feet above the Pacific Ocean. Part of Japan's Volcano Islands, it sits about 45 miles north of Iwo Jima.

Gureck said the Navy still is investigating the cause of the crash. He wouldn't speculate on how long the probe might take.

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Correction

An Air Force photographer, Justin Pyle, took some of the pictures featured in Sunday Scene magazine's back-to-school photo fashions feature. His name was inadvertently omitted from the photo credits.

Guam DODDS schools under new leadership

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

The Defense Department's schools on Guam are starting the school year under new leadership, reporting to Okinawa instead of Peachtree, Ga.

The schools now fall under the administration of Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Pacific and DODDS-Pacific Director Nancy C. Bresell, said Jeff Martin, DODDS-Pacific chief of staff.

The transfer was effective July 1.

"There's really not any major changes whatsoever, except now Dr. Bresell will be the director," Martin said.

The schools still will be part of Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS), which governs DOD schools in the United States and its territories, but in name only, Martin said.

DODDS is the overseas branch of Department of Defense Education Activity,

Transfer means administration is now based on Okinawa, not in U.S.

the umbrella organization overseeing military schools in the United States and overseas.

Geography played a part in the administrative transfer. It makes more sense for DODDS-Pacific officials to support Guam's military schools than DDESS headquarters in Peachtree, Ga., Martin said. Teachers and administrators from Guam will fly to Tokyo for in-service training and business meetings rather than to the East Coast, which should be a significant cost savings, Martin said.

Military officials at Pacific Command headquarters also supported the move, Martin said.

"We've had this in the works for a while," he said. "PACOM was supportive

of keeping the schools like the command is. Now, if there are any school issues, whether it be Guam, Korea, Okinawa or Japan, they have one person to deal with."

Gail Lucas, director of technology, math and science and public relations for DODEA Guam district, said last week that the transition will be seamless to teachers and students.

"We've always followed the DODDS-Pacific curriculum and we've always participated in the Far East events, both sports and academics," she said. "It just makes more sense to be run from an area office that is in our area."

Administrative functions DODDS-Pacific will pick up are mostly on the business side of the house, Lucas said, including logistics, transportation and the budget.

One change that may follow the organizational transfer — at some point — is a different school calendar. Guam's students reported back to school Aug. 9.

"We've aligned our calendar to the local schools on Guam," Lucas said. "Now that we're part of DODDS-Pacific, we may be looking at changes so we start the same time as other schools."

The first day of school for DODDS-Pacific is Aug. 30.

Guam's military schools are Guam High School on Nemitz Hill, a K-5 and a middle school for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders on Andersen Air Force Base, and a K-8 school under construction on Commander, Naval Forces Marianas.

Guam DOD schools have a new superintendent, Michael Diekmann, who came to Guam from Fort Campbell, Ky., where he also was superintendent of schools. Diekmann was superintendent of DODDS Japan-area schools from 1999 to 2002.

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Guam sailors help get school shipshape

BY FRANK WHITMAN

Special to Stars and Stripes

YIGO, Guam — Sailors from Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Five on Guam spent Saturday cutting grass, picking up trash, painting walls and cleaning classrooms at F. B. Leon Guerrero Middle School in Yigo, Guam.

They chose to spend their usual day off helping officials prepare for Tuesday's first day of classes as part of the military's Adopt-A-School program.

The squadron's program is part of an ongoing involvement with the school.

"HC-5 is a true partner," said Principal Kenneth Denusta. "They've been coming each year and cleaning our yard. They also help out with our tutoring program. And just before school ended last year, they brought in a helicopter as a static display. That was a big thrill for the students."

Projects such as the school cleanup contribute to unit pride and help boost morale, said Cmdr. Michael Steinmann, HC-5 executive officer.

"It brings us a little closer as a family in the squadron, and we treat it as a family. We work to-

gether, and we play together."

The project was part of the Navy-wide Community Service Flagship programs.

"Community relations is very important to the Navy," said Lt. Jerome Gussow, HC-5 spokesman. "We're so well received here in Guam, and I think doing stuff like this is the reason."

As is common with most Guam activities, workers were treated to a lunch of barbecued chicken and ribs, red rice and other local delicacies. The food was donated by members of the school faculty and staff and by King's Restaurant, which operates the school's cafeteria.

Sylvia Taylor, a teacher at the school who's married to an HC-5 chief warrant officer, Steve Taylor, organized lunch and much of the project.

"This really means a lot to us," Taylor said. "The students will have a clean learning environment when they come to school."

Petty Officer 1st Class Argentin Filis-Aime, originally from Haiti, said he feels a special obligation to help with projects involving school children.

"If we, as adults, don't give them the means to be successful, they might resort to violence,

crimes, drugs," he said. "Anytime I can help out to give them a better environment for success, I do that as much as I can."

"It's a good way to get to know the community," said Seaman Joshua Blair. "We might meet someone here at lunch that might become a good friend."

And seeing sailors working at the school may inspire students to join the Navy, said Steinmann.

"Maybe they'll even end up back here at HC-5," he said.



FRANK WHITMAN/Special to Stars and Stripes

Gabriela Quintanilla and husband Eli, both with the Navy's HC-5 helicopter squadron on Guam, help clean up a middle school in Yigo, Guam.

"HC-5 is a true partner."

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Zama boys, girls invited to Scouts' games night

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are hosting a game and registration night from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 27 at the camp's youth center.

Volleyball, board games and karaoke are among the planned activities.

Boys and girls of eligible Scouting age are invited to register, or re-register, in the Scout program. Girls in kindergarten through age 17 may join the Girl Scouts. Boys in first grade through age 17 may join the Boy Scouts.

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From staff reports

Iraqi conference sends delegation to Najaf

BY ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-ABEIDI

The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — U.S. tanks rolled into the Old City of Najaf toward a holy Shiite shrine where militants were hiding Monday as participants at a national conference voted to send a delegation there to try to negotiate an end to the fighting.

The city, which had been quiet early Monday, was hit by series of explosions in the late morning that shook the vast cemetery, the scene of many battles between U.S. forces and militants. Witnesses also reported U.S. tanks had moved to within 500 yards of the revered Imam Ali Shrine.

Fighting resumed Sunday after negotiations and a cease-fire collapsed. Two U.S. soldiers were killed in Najaf fighting Sunday, and a Marine was killed in Iraq's western, largely Sunni province of Anbar. At least 934 U.S. service members have been killed in Iraq since March 2003.

With Sunday's deaths, at least eight U.S. troops have been killed in Najaf, along with about 20 Iraqi officers, since fighting there began Aug. 5. The U.S. military estimates hundreds of insurgents have been killed, but the militants dispute the figure.

"We are proceeding with our operations. We are moving forward and we captured some positions inside the Old City from the south morning," Police Chief Brig. Ghaleb al-Jazzari said.

The National Conference in

Baghdad was supposed to be a revolutionary moment in Iraq's democratic transformation, an unprecedented gathering of Iraqis of all ethnic and religious groups for vigorous debate on the future of the country.

But the outbreak of violence between Shiite militants and U.S. and Iraqi forces in Najaf has dominated the gathering. Some delegates threatened to walk out to protest the government's position, while others called for radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to abandon his uprising. Many said the crisis only made the conference more relevant.

Late Monday, after two days of argument and debate, delegates agreed to send a group of 60 to Najaf to meet with al-Sadr and try to persuade him to stop fighting. Al-Sadr's aides said the cleric was awaiting their arrival Tuesday.

"I think it would be very risky for Muqtada al-Sadr to stand in its way," said delegate Haider al-Ebadi, from the Shiite Dawa party. "The previous negotiations failed because of mistrust. I think they have a chance here."

If he agrees, the conference will have succeeded in turning a crisis into a negotiation, the gathering into a startling — and deeply symbolic — victory that showed the potential power of communal

solutions in post-Saddam Iraq.

If he disagrees — and he has so far shown no willingness to lay down arms — the conflict will have done little more than distract attention from other pressing issues in Iraq and damage conference organizers' efforts to project an optimistic image of national unity. "We hope he will accept it. This country has seen so much violence and so much bitterness it's time that we seek a way out," said Barham Saleh, deputy prime minister on national security.

Violence persisted throughout the country Monday.

In Baghdad, attackers ambushed a U.S. tank in the city's troubled Sadr City neighborhood — another al-Sadr stronghold — leaving the tank in flames. Maj. Philip Smith, deputy spokesman for the 1st Cavalry Division, said insurgents disabled the tank with a rocket-propelled grenade or roadside bomb. He said the crew escaped with minor injuries.

Al-Sadr aide Ahmed al-Shaibani called on tribal chiefs to form human shields to protect al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militant and the Imam Ali Shrine.

Fighting on Sunday apparently caused minor damage to the outer wall of the shrine compound, ripping off some tiles and leaving



The skyline over Najaf's vast cemetery and the ancient Imam Ali mausoleum is seen from a position secured by the U.S. Army 1st Cavalry at a building near the area in the holy city of Najaf, Iraq. The National Conference in Baghdad sent a delegation of 60 negotiators Monday to hold some peace talks with cleric and militia leader Muqtada al-Sadr.

some holes.

U.S. troops have taken the lead in fighting the militiamen in Najaf, while Iraqi security forces have played a minor role, mainly by manning checkpoints. U.S. troops are training Iraqi national guard units in the town for any possible raid on the shrine compound, where militants are holed up with

arms.

Cabinet minister Wael Abdel-Latif warned of a new major offensive in Najaf unless the militants drop their weapons, get out of the city and transform themselves into a political party. Al-Sadr, a fiery young cleric, has drawn support among some with his denunciations of continued U.S. domination of the country.

JGSDF general protests airport ban on uniforms

MARI YAMAGUCHI

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese soldiers returning from a tour of duty in Iraq this month set an unusual request from Tokyo airport authorities: don't wear your uniforms.

So a group of 82 soldiers coming back from their humanitarian mission in southern Iraq had to peel off their camouflage and buy suits and ties in Kuwait for the trip home, airport and government officials said Monday.

When they arrived at Tokyo International Airport at Narita on Aug. 7, the only hint of their military affiliation was the camouflage duffel bags on their carts.

Japan's military was disappointed. "Uniforms are our symbol. We went to rep-

resent our country, so why can't we wear our uniforms?" Gen. Hajime Massaki, chief of staff of the Ground Self-Defense Forces, protested last week.

Japan had dispatched about 550 ground troops to Iraq, the first time Japanese soldiers have gone to a combat zone since 1945.

The mission has divided public opinion, and Japanese authorities have been careful not to inflame critics who fear the deployment is violating the country's pacifist constitution.

Narita officials say they were concerned about protests and complaints from civil groups demanding the airport not be used for military activity.

The airport has been dogged by protests for decades, and transport ministry official Satoshi Yamaguchi said Monday the govern-

ment had agreed that it would never allow the airport to be used for the military.

"We have to keep our promise, as long as we receive complaints from the nearby residents," Yamaguchi said. "I believe the Defense Agency understands the situation."

The airline, Japanese Airlines, also asked Japanese soldiers to wear civilian clothes on board, airport officials said.

"We have to think how ordinary passengers might feel sitting next to a large group of soldiers in uniforms, occupying nearly one-third of the seats," said Narita spokesman Masahiro Gamo.

In January, the soldiers left the Defense Agency's Tokyo headquarters in uniforms but changed into plain clothes on a bus to the airport, an agency official said on condition of anonymity.

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Artillery troops polish skills in the sand

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Stars and Stripes

The 2nd Infantry Division field artillery soldiers took another step toward becoming infantrymen by practicing urban combat skills at Udairi Range last week.

Because the two batteries from 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment will take turns working as infantry companies during a yearlong deployment to Iraq, they've worked months to prepare as part of 2nd ID's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, the Strikeforce.

The 2-17 soldiers spent two months training in South Korea for their new roles before heading to the Middle East last week. Now they are adapting their new skills to the desert environment at Udairi Range.

Capt. John Marley, commander of 2-17's Battery A, spent three days last week training his unit at Udairi's Military Operations Urban Terrain site.

The site includes a series of ranges where soldiers start out rehearsing room-clearing techniques and move on to a live-fire shoot-house — a small plywood village built in the desert sur-



PHOTO BY SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

Soldiers from Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment practice clearing buildings at Udairi Range, Kuwait, with the help of a former Special Forces instructor.

rounded by tall sand berms to keep bullets from flying too far.

"We did this in some abandoned barracks at Camp Hovey (in South Korea) and at the Korean Training Center, but this will be the first live fire with this type of training," Marley said.

The artillerymen appear to rel-

ish the infantry work in the desert, he said.

"It is a different type of training for them, and they are just eating it up," he said.

Life on the range is tough.

The 2-17 soldiers have worked hard to survive the heat and sandstorms, minimizing the pain by

sleeping in air-conditioned tents during the hottest part of the day, Marley said.

On Saturday morning, soldiers from 2-17's Battery C rehearsed urban combat moves in "rooms" marked by sandbags laid on the ground. A former Special Forces instructor kept watch.

"The women and children are going to be screaming. Everybody will be scared to death," the instructor told the soldiers.

"As the team leader, the decisions you make may or may not cost them their lives," he told one team leader.

"What's wrong with this guy's muzzle? It is poking through the door. Elbows down when you come through — give them a small target," the instructor said as the soldiers repeatedly entered and exited a "room."

For Pfc. Stephen Sherwood of Battery A, the live-fire portion of the training was the highlight of his time on the range.

"We had to cease fire three times because there were camels all over the range," he said.

Pvt. Michael Lopez, also of Battery A, believes he saw sheep being herded across the range by Bedouins.

"They were huge, the biggest sheep I have ever seen," he said.

"Maybe they were goats," suggested Sherwood.

One of the hardest missions, said the soldiers, was attempting to free the bus that brought them to the range after it got stuck in a sand dune.

"We had to push it for two hours. There were about 20 guys pushing, and we only pushed it 300 yards," Lopez said.

"It wasn't a very fun way to start the day," added Sherwood, taking a bite of beef ravioli from his Meals, Ready to Eat.

The bus was still stuck in the sand near where the soldiers ate.

A few miles down the road at another range, a group of 2-17 soldiers practiced reaction shooting.

Sgt. 1st Class Kippy Samuel, platoon sergeant with Battery A, 2nd Platoon, inspected targets shot by his drivers.

"When someone is a good shot that whole black silhouette part is torn out," Samuel said, gazing at a mutilated paper target.

"My drivers have to shoot good. In case I get hurt they have to get to be able to kill the enemy," he said.

The Special Forces instructors impressed Samuel.

"You can tell they are Special Forces because of the way they walk," he said. "They have a swagger. They are almost as cocky as field artillerymen."

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Future Pacific troop moves unclear

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Though the U.S. military plans for major shifts of forces in Europe and Asia, it's far too early in the diplomatic and political process for officials to comment on how many U.S. troops might leave the Pacific theater to be restationed on state-side bases, officials said Monday.

Over the next decade, the Pentagon plans to move as many as 70,000 U.S. troops and about 100,000 family members and civilian employees, President Bush announced Monday while speaking at the Veterans of Foreign War convention in Cincinnati.

While the lion's share of troops will come out of Europe, officials do plan on shifting forces in the Pacific, but they would not comment Monday on the numbers or the possible reduction of about 12,500 forces from the 37,000 now on the Korean peninsula.

The change in numbers "will not be dramatic in Asia," a senior defense official said, but declined to talk details. Senior military and state department officials spoke Monday with reporters about global repositioning of U.S. forces on condition of anonymity.

In the Pacific, they mentioned the consolidation of U.S. troops further south and outside of Seoul and boosted capabilities brought in to both South Korea and Guam. "The message we're sending to Asia is the [U.S. commitment] is as strong as ever, and capabilities are stron-

ger than ever," the state department official said.

In an interview on CNN, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said that while moves are ongoing, the president is not signaling a massive pullout.

"There have been problems with the base right in Seoul for a long time and the Korean people have wanted us not to be there, so we're moving south. That will make us much more agile, much more able to deploy to other places, but we will have a significant presence in South Korea. Probably 23,000 [to] 25,000 troops will still be in South Korea, very much on call so that North Korea knows we are committed there."

They were definitive in debunking rumors that the U.S. plans on a permanent base in Australia. Instead, the allies have agreed to co-participate in training exercises, they said.

Part of the major shift, however, does mean the Army's two heavy divisions in Germany, the 1st Armored and 1st Infantry divisions, will relocate to the United States, but not for at least two or three years.

"From a very realistic standpoint, this would mean that families living overseas now — perhaps halfway through their tours — will more than likely not be affected by this move," a Pentagon official said. "They'll finish their tour and come home before the wheels start moving on the process. Moving vans won't be pulling up next week."

The earliest troops will be pulled from Germany will be 2006, after the process

of realigning and closure of state-side bases is under way. Exactly when and where those divisions will move to all depend on results of the independent commission on Base Realignment and Closure, he said.

By May 2005, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld must submit to the commission a list of selected bases. While BRAC does not affect overseas bases, it will be a factor in where the military will redeploy overseas forces. Between 1988 and 1995, four BRAC commissions proposed changes to 152 major installations and 235 smaller ones.

The repositioning of forces will have no impact on lengths of tour of troops now deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, officials said.

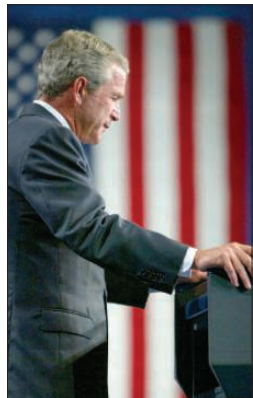
Those not sent to state-side bases could move to posts in Eastern Europe, though most likely for shorter deployment and likely without families, officials said. But, "we're not looking to take forces ... in Europe today and station them in the East," a defense official said.

The repositioning of troops is not intended to eventually lead to a drawdown in end-strength.

It's a move long overdue, said Ted Galen Carpenter, vice president for Defense and Foreign Policy Studies at the Cato Institute, a conservative libertarian think tank.

"It is absurd that the United States has continued to station 100,000 troops in Europe," he said. "Since the demise of the Soviet Union, there is no serious security threat on the continent."

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President Bush addresses the Veterans of Foreign War Convention on Monday in Cincinnati. Bush announced plans to shift 60,000 to 70,000 U.S. troops who are stationed in Europe and Asia.

AAFES not after 'Fahrenheit 9/11'

BY PATRICK DICKSON
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — AAFES said Monday it will not be pursuing prints of Michael Moore's controversial film "Fahrenheit 9/11" after all, saying the movie's Oct. 5 DVD release doesn't give it enough time to draw sufficient audiences.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service spokesman Judd Anstey said the decision to not procure the film was purely a business decision, and has nothing to do with its contentious political nature.

The film is a strong attack on President Bush and his policies after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, including the war in Iraq.

Anstey said that AAFES' mission is to generate revenue to be put back into Morale, Welfare, and Recreation programs, and therefore it has decided to not run the film in overseas theaters.

A spokesman for the Fellowship Adventure Group, a company started by Miramax co-chairmen Harvey and Bob Weinstein, said it told AAFES "on or about" July 21 that 200 to 300 prints of "Fahrenheit 9/11" would be available to AAFES on Monday.

The group "did everything we were supposed to do" the spokes-

man said, including offering trailers and the printed media promotional material on July 22. "From that point on, they were unresponsive."

The Fellowship Adventure Group was formed to distribute Moore's film in conjunction with Lions Gate Films and IFC Films after Disney, which owns Miramax, blocked Miramax's efforts to distribute it.

But AAFES had already booked what would be shown in its theaters up to Sept. 3, Anstey said. That gave AAFES a window of 35 days until the DVD release.

AAFES has run films with a shorter window, notably "Bend It Like Beckham," which had a four-day window and which earned \$13,291, according to Anstey.

"Bend It Like Beckham" demonstrates the business case why AAFES tries not to book films within 35 days of the film's home video release date," said John Walters, chief of motion picture services for AAFES.

"Bend It Like Beckham" drew minimum attendance.

"Fahrenheit 9/11" has grossed \$113.3 million at the U.S. box office so far.

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Hacking appears in court

SALT LAKE CITY — Mark Hacking, charged with killing his wife after she confronted him over deceptions about his education, appeared briefly in a heavily guarded courtroom Monday, guarded by armed deputies and looking puzzled.

Hacking, 28, said nothing as a judge scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 23.

Hacking's first-in-person court appearance came after police spent their 12th night searching county landfill without finding Lori Hacking's body or a 22-caliber firearm they believe was the murder weapon.

Athlete jumps to death

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Police said Monday they believe a former Olympic athlete killed his neurosurgeon wife before jumping to his death from a 10th-story dormitory window.

Investigators identified the man as Robert Howard, a former member of Arkansas medical student who competed in track and field in the 1996 and 2000 Olympics but did not make the U.S. team this year, said University of Arkansas medical school police Capt. Bryan Patterson.

Investigators went to a private residence and found the student's wife, Dr. Robin Mitchell, stabbed to death. Mitchell was chief resident in neurosurgery at the medical school.

Blood clot device OK'd

WASHINGTON — The first device to remove blood clots from the brains of people suffering strokes — a new treatment option that could save lives and shave the \$53 billion annual bill to treat strokes — has been approved by the government.

In 80 percent of strokes, a blood vessel in the brain becomes clogged by a blood clot, increasing the chance of severe disability or death.

The Mercel Retrieval, a tiny corkscrew threaded through an artery to remove the clot and restore blood flow, is produced by Mountain View, Calif.-based Concentric Medical.

From wire reports

Thousands in shelters in Charley's wake

BY VICKIE CHACHERE

The Associated Press

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. — Urban rescue teams, insurance adjusters and National Guard troops scattered across Florida Monday to help victims of Hurricane Charley and deliver water and other supplies to thousands of people left homeless.

Tami Wilson, 45, of Port Charlotte, wiped a tear from her eye after picking up ice and water from National Guardsmen at a "comfort station" in North Point. She and her husband, Dewaine, hadn't had a shower or a hot meal since the storm hit.

"The hard part is not being able to bathe and not having food and water unless I go out and look for it. Last night, we almost gave up because it got so hot," she said.

Florida had at least 17 storm-related deaths, said the chief of the state Department of Law Enforcement, Guy Tunnell. He said the 17th death occurred in a car accident Monday but he didn't have details on how it was related to the storm. Earlier, Charley killed four people in Cuba and one in Jamaica.

Authorities estimate it caused as much as \$11 billion in damage to insured homes in Florida alone.

Nearly 1 million people remained without power, and officials said it could take weeks to get service fully restored. Some 2,300 people were in emergency shelters, and Federal Emergency Management Agency director Michael Brown said 11,000 have already applied for disaster aid.

Brown said it could take several weeks to find all the victims, and officials still had no count Monday of how many people remained unaccounted for. The search was slow in some areas because downed power lines and debris were making it dangerous.

But officials said early estimates of hundreds of people missing could be inflated by erroneous reports from worried relatives and friends.

"The fact that we have not found any more dead than we have is nothing short of a miracle," Tunnell said.

Punta Gorda, a retirement community of about 15,000 people, and Port Charlotte in Charlotte county appeared to be among the hardest-hit areas. About 70,000 homes and businesses were without power in Charlotte County, where temperatures were in the low 90s Monday and forecasters warned of possible rain.

A few miles north of Punta Gorda in Bowling Green, several dozen people waited in a long line for food and supplies being distributed by the Salvation Army.

"We just want the basic things," said Sherie Chester, who was waiting with her 17-year-old daughter for food, water and toilet paper.

After slamming into Florida with wind reaching 145 mph and a surge of sea water of 13 feet to 15 feet, Charley hit open ocean and made landfall again in South Carolina. It moved into North Carolina and up the eastern seaboard as a tropical storm before being downgraded to a depression Sunday.



Workers repair traffic lights Monday in Orlando, Fla. Nearly 1 million people remained without power, and officials said it could take weeks to get service fully restored.

Phish gives thousands of fans a heartfelt phinish

BY TIM MCCAHILL

The Associated Press

COVENTRY, Vt. — Concert lights darkened and more than 60,000 fans fell silent as Phish took the stage for its final gig, capping off a series of farewell concerts that marked the end point of the band's two-decade-long history.

With the somber rock ballad "Fast Enough For You," Phish captured the bittersweet feeling that pervaded its last shows, staged over a two-day festival in northeastern Vermont, the jam band's home state.

Some moments during the 48-hour musical rollercoaster

were sad, such as when lead singer Trey Anastasio held back sob as he thanked fans for their devotion.

"We're having some emotional ups and downs up here, as I'm sure you are," Anastasio said during a break in the second set. "We've tried to express it verbally, in as many ways we can, the love and appreciation you've given us. Really, thank you, from all four of us."

Overcome, Anastasio began crying as thunderous applause and shouts of support rilled the audience.

The emotional interlude echoed the sentiment of the melody that preceded it, "Glide."

"And we're glad, glad, glad that you're alive," Phish members sang a cappella against a rural backdrop of farms, rolling hills and open expanses of field.

Phish announced earlier this year that it would break up after this weekend's festival, eliciting reactions among fans that ranged from disbelief to acceptance. Those same emotions were obvious during Phish's final appearance as a band.

"I think that Trey is selfish," said Sean Mulloy of Rockville Center, N.Y. "Phish is ending it; there's no band to take over the subculture."

Others were more optimistic about what the future holds for "Phish heads," the nickname for followers of the band.

Chelsea Terrell, 31, of San Francisco, said the band's departure from the music scene meant that it was time to move on.

"For me, it's time to start something new," she said. "I'm thankful it ever happened."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro	\$1.2686
British pound	\$1.89
Japanese yen (Aug. 18)	106.00
S. Korean won (Aug. 17)	1,128.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.8406
Canada (Dollar)	1.3114
Denmark (Krone)	6.0278
Egypt (Pound)	1.0000
Japan (Yen)	110.61
Euro	\$1.2334
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7991
Hungary (Forint)	200.52
Iceland (Krona)	70.435
Israel (Shekel)	4.5475
Japan (Yen)	110.61
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Norway (Krone)	6.1150
Philippines (Peso)	55.70
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7560
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7155
S. Korea (Won)	1,126.50
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2425
Thailand (Baht)	0.525
Turkey (Lira)	1,470,958.00

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PRECIOUS METALS

London close	
Gold	\$402.90
Silver	\$6.617

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.50
Discount rate	2.50
Federal funds market rate	2.50
3-month bill	1.470
30-year bond	5.00

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

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Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Résumé makeovers

Chicago Tribune

Job applicants don't realize that a bad résumé could be what's stopping them from getting a job interview, said Kathleen Canfield, director of Harper College's career center in Palatine, Ill. Canfield offers job-seekers tips for revamping their résumés.

■ Excise vague statements from your stated objective. "You need to start with an objective that is focused," she said. "In today's job market, you have to be specific. It should be clear and to the point and match the job description."

■ Don't just state where you worked and when. Also include "what you have done at a company and relevant accomplishments that apply to the job you want." For example, if you're a sales representative applying for a job in education, don't emphasize your sales experience.

Instead, redo your work history to "stress interpersonal skills and customer relations, because they're transferable to education."

■ Make sure the format is easy to read and that it's free of spelling errors.

Venezuelan president survives recall vote

BY ANDREW SELSKY
The Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez survived a referendum to oust him, according to results Monday, prompting his backers to set off fireworks and celebrate in the capital, while Venezuela's opposition swiftly called for fraud.

The first-ever recall vote for a president in Venezuela's history was aimed at putting a lid on years of violent political unrest and a bloody coup, and it came after a lengthy and complicated petitioning process.

Former President Jimmy Carter, who helped monitor Venezuela's recall referendum, endorsed returns showing that Chavez won the vote.

"Our findings coincided with the partial

Carter backs results; oil prices drop as supply disruption fears eased

returns announced today by the National Elections Council," Carter told a news conference.

With 94 percent of the votes counted, Chavez had 58 percent of the vote and the opposition 42 percent, according to Francisco Carrasquero, president of the National Elections Council. But Carrasquero stopped short of declaring Chavez the outright winner.

Chavez, the champion of Venezuela's majority poor and the nemesis of the wealthier classes, claimed victory and said he would continue to wage his "revolution for the poor."

"Venezuela has changed forever," he said in a speech. "There is no turning back."

He also claimed repeatedly that opposition leaders refused to accept the results and demanded a manual recount, claiming their own exit polls showed almost 60 percent of citizens voted to oust Chavez.

At opposition headquarters in Caracas, opponents watching Carrasquero's announcement on television shouted, "Fraud! Fraud!"

Indicating a possible split in the five-member elections council, Sobella Mejia — who is aligned with the opposition — told a news conference before the tallies were announced that any release of partial figures would be premature and invalid.

News of Chavez's victory drove down crude oil prices from recent highs Monday, easing fears of a disruption in supply from the world's fifth-largest oil exporter. Venezuela normally supplies almost 15 percent of U.S. oil imports.

Tibet's Buddhist culture eroding under Chinese rule

BY AUDRA ANG
The Associated Press

LHASA, Tibet — About 200 monks sit cross-legged in a shady courtyard at the 585-year-old Sera Monastery and loudly debate Buddhist scriptures on a sunny afternoon.

Outwardly, Sera is one of Tibet's most important and best-preserved Buddhist centers. But within, much has changed under communist rule, the result of strict controls on religion that activists say endanger the future of Tibet's unique Buddhist culture.

Under 1994 guidelines from China's Communist Party, the government limits numbers of monks, restricts religious teaching and requires monks to attend political classes and denounce the Dalai Lama, the leader of their faith, according to a report last month by a foreign monitoring group.

Sera, once home to more than 5,000 monks, now has 550.

"The religion is under more threat in its homeland than ever before," said Kate Saunders, one of the authors of a report from the International Campaign for Tibet.

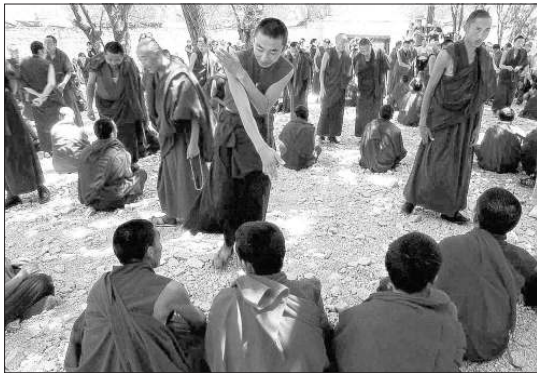
Buddhism is part of nearly every aspect of daily life for ordinary Tibetans. China views the devotion to the religion and the Dalai Lama, who lives in exile in India, as a threat to its supremacy.

Communist troops took over Tibet in 1951 and Beijing contends the Himalayan region has been Chinese territory for centuries. Many Tibetans say they were effectively independent for much of that time.

Thousands of Tibetan monasteries and temples were destroyed during the ultra-leftist political violence of the Cultural Revolution of 1966-76, along with key religious texts.

Chinese leaders accuse the Dalai Lama, who fled in 1959 after a failed uprising, of pursuing independence. He says he wants only autonomy for the region to preserve its language and culture.

Because of the pressure, the Dalai Lama is "more popular than ever," said Robert Thurman, a former Tibetan Buddhist monk who is professor at Columbia University in New York. "He has become a symbol of freedom to all Tibetans."



About 200 monks sit cross-legged in a shady courtyard at the 585-year-old Sera Monastery and loudly debate Buddhist scriptures on a sunny afternoon at Sera Temple in Lhasa, Tibet. The tradition, punctuated by the sharp clap of hands to emphasize a theological point, attracts crowds of tourists, who walk among the crimson-robed monks and watch in fascination.

The Chinese government "is trying to suppress Tibetan Buddhism in more subtle ways than in the past, but just as fiercely," Thurman said.

According to the International Campaign for Tibet report, official controls are threatening knowledge of Tibetan Buddhism's esoteric doctrines, lowering the quality of religious teaching by limiting classroom time for young monks and blocking other monks and nuns from traveling to receive instruction.

The restrictions are a topic of enormous sensitivity with officials and monks alike.

"I can say that there is absolutely no effect on Buddhism, no diluting of the religion going on," Xiao Bai, deputy mayor of Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, said at a news conference arranged by the government for foreign reporters. "We are trying to restore what was undermined or destroyed during the Cultural Revolution."

Asked about the Dalai Lama, Xiao read from a statement that

denounced him as a "splitist" and wouldn't answer questions.

Other officials at the event refused to disclose details on monastery quotas and patriotic education classes.

According to official Chinese sources, Tibet has 1,700 temples and monasteries and 46,000 clergy.

Zhao Yuyuan, deputy director of nationality and religion for Lhasa's city government, said he did not wish to reveal how many Tibetans applied to be monks every year and how many are accepted.

He would only say that candidates must "love the country, love patriotic Buddhism ... and have a good cultural education."

At Jokhang, Tibet's most sacred temple, Thup Ten, a monk of 20 years, insists there have been no changes.

"It's the same practice before and now," he told reporters under the gaze of government officials.

Togme Soba, a 31-year-old monk at Sera, talked readily

about his daily routine and curriculum. But when asked about patriotic education and the Dalai Lama, he said: "It's best you don't ask me this."

Monks are under pressure to endorse a boy chosen by Beijing in 1995 as the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama, the No. 2 figure in Tibetan Buddhism. Another boy chosen by the Dalai Lama was taken into custody by security forces three days after his identity was publicly revealed. The boy, Gedun Choekyi Nyima, has not been seen since.

Though the Dalai Lama is long absent, pilgrims who visit the Potala and Norbulingka Palaces — his former winter and summer homes — prostrate themselves before his throne.

"Devotion to the Dalai Lama is probably the one thing that binds virtually all Tibetans together," Saunders said by phone from London.

"We want him to come back," said a 30-year-old Sera monk.

"Some day we will get the results we have been shouting for."

Panchen Lama pays visit to Tibetan temple

BY AUDRA ANG
The Associated Press

LHASA, China — The boy chosen by the Chinese government as the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama was greeted warmly by dozens of monks when he visited Tibet's most sacred temple, state television reported, giving rare publicity to one of his appearances.

China Central Television showed Gyalsen Norbu entering the Jokhang Temple dressed in crimson and yellow robes and escorted on either side by monks holding his hands.

After draping a cloth around a large statue of the Buddha, he placed red ribbons around the necks of monks who bowed before him, and touched their heads in blessing during the ceremony Sunday.

Beijing installed Norbu as the 11th Panchen Lama in 1995 after rejecting another boy chosen by the Dalai Lama, the religion's exiled leader and one of the figures most reviled by the Chinese government.

The Panchen Lama was second to the Dalai Lama in Tibetan Buddhism's dominant Gelugpa sect. The 10th Panchen Lama openly criticized China's policies in Tibet in 1962 and was imprisoned for years before dying in mysterious circumstances in Tibet in 1988.

Norbu is always heavily guarded when he goes out in public and state media rarely covers those appearances.

The Dalai Lama named Gedun Choekyi Nyima, then 6, as the true reincarnation of the Panchen Lama in 1995.

Nyima disappeared three days after his identity was publicly revealed and has not been seen since.

China never brings up the issue on its own but will occasionally give reports on his well-being if asked by reporters.

Israel mulls barbecues to end hunger strike

Hundreds of Palestinians refusing to eat in protest of jail conditions

BY MARK LAVIE
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli prison officials are considering using jail-house barbecues to entice hundreds of Palestinian prisoners to break a hunger strike launched this week to protest conditions, a spokesman said Monday.

About 1,600 prisoners began the strike Sunday, demanding the right to family visits and greater communication with the outside world. Organizers said the rest of

the 7,500 Palestinian detainees being held by Israel will join the protest by the end of the week.

Israeli officials countered by imposing new sanctions on the prisoners. As the protest continued into its second day Monday, prisons spokesman Ofer Lefter said authorities were considering grilling meats near the prisoners, hoping the enticing aroma would weaken their resolve.

"We look at psychological means to deal with problems like this," Lefter said, saying the tactic

has been used in other parts of the world. "Our interest is to return prisoners to eating as soon as possible." He said no decision had been made on whether to begin the threatened cookouts.

In Gaza, meanwhile, Israeli helicopters fired four missiles north of Gaza City near the border with Israel early Monday, witnesses said. Palestinian hospital sources said two people were killed.

Israeli military sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said soldiers spotted militants

setting up a rocket launcher, and the helicopters targeted them, hitting one.

The hunger strikers are pressing for greater access to phones, more family visits and an end to strip searches. Many prisoners have not seen their families because an Israeli security closure bars Palestinians from Israel. Prisoners also complain of poor sanitary conditions.

The strike was organized by the main Palestinian factions — Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Fatah.

Israeli officials reacted by imposing additional sanctions — including banning all family visits and the sale of cigarettes and candy — and Public Security Minister Tzachi Hanegbi said the prisoners could starve to death before he'd give in to their demands.

In the past four years, Israeli troops have rounded up thousands of Palestinians on suspicion they were involved in attacks that have killed nearly 1,000 Israelis.

The issue of prisoners is especially sensitive to Palestinians, many of whom have relatives or friends who have been imprisoned by Israel.

U.N. must strive for neutrality in Muslim world, official says

BY DONNA ABU-NASR
The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The United Nations should find ways to demonstrate political independence, regain the neutrality it lost after the Sept. 11 attacks and better communicate with the world's 1 billion Muslims, a top U.N. official said Monday.

Mark Malloch Brown, administrator of the U.N. Development Program, also said the Arab region, compared with other parts of the world, is stagnating and governments need to reform if they want to compete in the global economy.

Malloch Brown, on an official trip to Leba-

non, met with President Emile Lahoud on Monday. He said the Aug. 19, 2003, suicide bombing on U.N. headquarters in Baghdad that killed 23 people — including U.N. representative Sergio Vieira de Mello — forced the world body to question whether it had compromised its neutrality.

While saying "broadly we don't believe we had," Malloch Brown said the bombing was "indicative of the fact



Malloch Brown

that in this highly polarized post-Sept. 11 world, this sort of 'with us or against us' mentality which has infected both sides has dramatically reduced the space for a neutral third force like the U.N. to operate. 'We have to find ways of regaining that space and making sure that what we do in Iraq is seen as for Iraqis, not for outside forces angling for advantage over the political process,' Malloch Brown said. 'We've somehow become detached from that.'

Following the U.N. attack, Secretary-General Kofi Annan ordered all U.N. international staff to leave Iraq. On Friday, new U.N. envoy Ashraf Qazi arrived in Baghdad to set up the international body's first of-

ficial presence there since the attack.

Malloch Brown said the lessons learned from the Iraq experience go beyond Baghdad. More than 100,000 people demonstrated in Sudan earlier this month against a Security Council resolution giving Sudan 30 days to stop Arab militia violence in the western region of Darfur — where more than 30,000 people have been killed — or face economic and diplomatic penalties.

"This polarization is affecting us everywhere," Malloch Brown said. "I feel very strongly that we are failing to communicate with a billion Muslims in the world in an effective way."

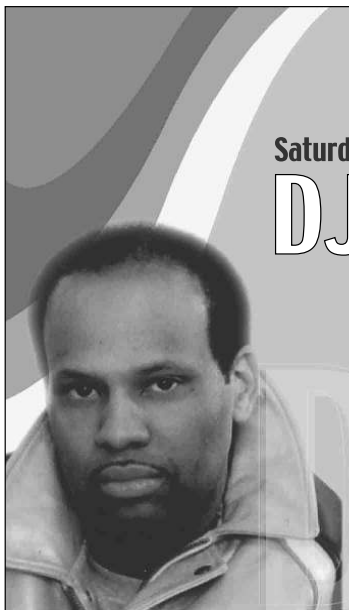
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FACES 'N' PLACES

Vegas wedding for Hilton heiress

Nicky Hilton, the hotel heiress and socialite, has tied the knot with her beau in a late-night ceremony in Las Vegas, according to court filings obtained by The Associated Press.



Nicky Hilton

Hilton, 20, married New York money manager Todd Andrew Meister, 33, at the Las Vegas Wedding Chapel early Sunday, according to a Clark County marriage license.

"They're happy and doing well," said Elliot Mintz, spokesman for Hilton. "This is a real, meaningful, loving relationship. They are glowing." "Access Hollywood," which first reported the wedding, said older sister Paris Hilton and actress Bijou Phillips were present during the

2:30 a.m. ceremony.

George Maloof Jr., owner and operator of the Palms casino hotel, confirmed the ceremony had taken place and said the couple gave no indication of their plans.

Salsa musician named tourism minister

Famed salsa musician Ruben Blades will be Panama's new tourism minister, said President-elect Martin Torrijos.

Torrijos, who takes office Sept. 1, announced Friday he would raise the Panamanian tourism institute to Cabinet level at the same time he named Blades to head it.

The singer-songwriter and Harvard-educated attorney ran for president in 1994 but decided to back Torrijos in this year's election.

Actor backs out of Haiti celebration



Glover

Actor Danny Glover backed out of a cruise commemorating the Haitian bicentennial, saying he did not want to appear to support the government installed after Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted as president.

Poet Sonia Sanchez also canceled. "Due to the increasingly critical political situation in Haiti, which resulted in a loss of life, oppression and incarceration of thousands of Haitians, I have canceled my participation," Glover told The Miami Herald before the Caribbean cruise set sail on Saturday.

Few details about moviemaker's new play



Allen

It's set in Brooklyn in the 1950s, but that's all anyone is saying about the plot of Woody Allen's new play, "A Second Hand Memory," which will have its world premiere in November at off-Broadway's Atlantic Theater Company.

The production, which opens Nov. 22, will be directed by Allen and will feature a cast that includes Michael McKean, currently playing Edna Turnblad on Broadway in "Hair-spray"; Martha Plimpton, and Dominic Chianese, best known for playing Uncle Junior on "The Sopranos."

Can any love come again?

Singer Amy Lee of the Grammy award-winning rock band Evanescence returned home for the final show of the band's latest tour.

Lee said in an interview Saturday at Alltel Arena, across the Arkansas River from her hometown of Little Rock, Ark., that it was a bit "weird" to be home.



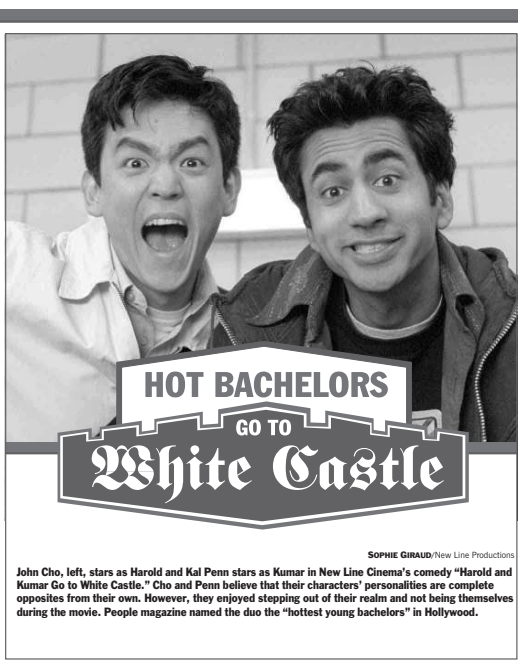
Lee

"I don't like the attention of 'You're famous so talk to me,'" she said. "Well, why do you want to talk to me? Just because you think 'It's going to make me cool.' That's something I don't understand really."

Lee said when she's in Little Rock, many fans ask if she remembers them. She said her family moved around a lot when she was young, but came to Arkansas when she was 12 or 13 years old.

The band's debut album "Fallen" went platinum and earned them two Grammys last year for best new artist and best hard rock performance for the single, "Bring Me to Life."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



SOPHIE GIRAUDO/New Line Productions

John Cho, left, stars as Harold and Kal Penn stars as Kumar in New Line Cinema's comedy "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle." Cho and Penn believe that their characters' personalities are complete opposites from their own. However, they enjoyed stepping out of their realm and not being themselves during the movie. People magazine named the duo the "hottest young bachelors" in Hollywood.

BY BETSY PICKLE
Scripps Howard News Service

John Cho and Kal Penn pulled a switcheroo as roommates who go on a fast-food adventure in "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle."

Cho plays Harold, an uptight investment banker Penn plays Kumar, a slacker determined to keep cruising on his father's dime while dodging medical school.

"I tend to be, in real life, more of a Harold type than a Kumar, so it was really fun to play this character that just was so laid back and didn't care," says Penn.

"It was really hard for me playing Harold because in real life I'm more like Kumar," says Cho. "And actually, acting-wise, I'd come off of broader stuff. The last gig that I had was a sitcom, and I was the funny man in the sitcom."

"Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle," which opened July 30 in the States, has been promoted as a comedy starring "the Asian guy" from "American Pie" and "the Indian guy" from "Van Wilder." But readers of People magazine got to see the actors in a different light this summer — both were featured in a spread on Hollywood's hottest young bachelors.

Fans who meet them are often surprised when they don't match the characters they've played on screen,

either in demeanor or in appearance, Cho and Penn say.

"I get, 'You're better looking than I thought you were,'" says Cho, 32.

"I get that, too. 'Better looking in person than you are in movies,'" says Penn, 27. "I feel like partially that's a good thing because if I'm meeting somebody, I'd rather look better in person. But I know that a lot more people are gonna see me in a film than I will ever meet, so it's weird."

Born in Seoul, South Korea, and reared in Los Angeles, Cho earned a

into a situation that's already been established," he says.

Cho was taken aback that the character had been written for him.

"I had met one of the writers at a screening, and he had told me about it," recalls Cho. "Really, my trepidation was, he said, 'I've written this part, and I've got you in mind.' And I thought, 'Oh jeez.'"

"Because sometimes if people had written a role based off of your 'Van Wilder' or based off of seeing me in 'American Pie,' I'd think, 'Is it the same thing again?' So I was a little bit, like, I don't want to say suspicious — that sounds like a strong word — but somewhere approaching that, I'd say."

John Cho
Actor

"I get, 'You're better looking than I thought you were.'"

bachelor's in English literature from the University of California at Berkeley.

New Jersey native Penn attended a performing-arts high school in his home state before entering the UCLA theater program. After years of working in supporting roles, it was a pleasant challenge to play the lead, says Penn.

"You get to sit down with the director and with the other actor and the writers and define who this guy is and talk about the way the journey's going and get on the same page with everything. As opposed to a lot of the smaller, sidekick characters that I've played before where you're coming

me."

"That's the funny thing — anytime you want something in a movie, you've gotta bring up the girl in your head, for me. The burgers become the girl. It's the easiest thing to access for me."

OPINION

In any era, oil and fear are a combustible mix

Chicago Tribune

Basra, Chavez, Yukos, Fear. That line of type, in a nutshell, is what propelled oil prices above the \$40 a barrel Thursday. That's nowhere near the \$80 or so per-barrel price (in today's inflated dollars) that reached nearly a quarter of a century ago. But it's high enough to put a dent in consumers' wallets and impede economic growth. It's making everyone very nervous.

It's even leading Democrats to demand once again that the Bush administration stop filling the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

That would be a mistake. The reserve is meant to provide an emergency stockpile in the event that U.S. oil supplies are cut off. Using the reserve to attempt to mitigate high prices didn't work very well when former President Bill Clinton tried it and wouldn't work if President Bush tried it.

The worldwide oil market is being driven by factors that, at least in the short term, are beyond the control of the U.S. government.

Demand for oil is high, fueled by sizzling growth in China and continued expansion in the United States. Supplies are drum-tight and that makes oil markets jittery about any possible disruption.

Basra is a disruption. On Aug. 9, Iraq suspended the pumping of oil to its export terminals in Basra because of sabotage threats from supporters of the Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Some 90 percent of Iraq's oil exports more through that port city. Pumping resumed the next day, but the threat of more disruptions persists.

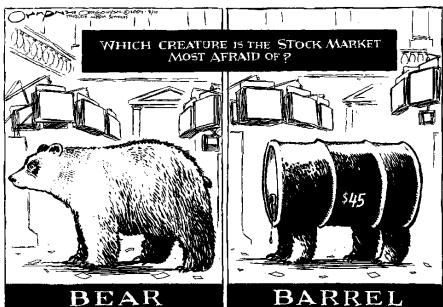
Chavez is Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, who survived a recall vote Sunday. A strike by oil workers last year and continuing political unrest have raised fears about potential disruptions at Venezuela's state-owned oil company.

Yukos is another possible disruption and the one least familiar to Americans. Yukos is the leading oil company in Russia, which is now — who knew — the second-largest oil-exporting country in the world behind Saudi Arabia. Yukos produces 20 percent of Russia's exports and 2 percent of total world supply.

Yukos' problems have nothing to do with terrorism or the war in Iraq and everything to do with a tug-of-war over its assets. The Russian government is seeking payment of billions in unpaid back taxes from Yukos and prosecuting its former top executive, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, for alleged tax evasion and fraud. Contradictory court decisions, first freezing, then unfreezing, then refreezing various Yukos oil-producing assets, have confused markets about just what Vladimir Putin's government is trying to accomplish with its case against Yukos, and what impact it will have on the world's oil supplies.

Oil exports from Russia haven't been disrupted, and it's not likely they will be — at least in a lasting way. Oil, after all, isn't used as a rule in revenues or tax payments that can't be sold. Russians can't eat or drink the stuff. But oil traders have bid up world prices on the mere possibility that the Yukos spigot could be shut off.

Fear, the fourth factor roiling oil prices,



needs little explanation. That fear — of terrorism, of disruptions on the other three fronts — reflects the risk premium at play in oil, which some pricing experts have estimated to be \$10 or \$15 a barrel. Absent the fear factor, Basra or Yukos events would register like seismic shocks, and the potential for unrest in Venezuela would be just the latest twist in that long South American saga. With so many factors at play simultaneously, though, any negative development in any corner of the oil market is seen as potentially devastating.

That risk premium is unlikely to disappear until the situations in Iraq, Venezuela and Russia begin to stabilize. As for the fear factor, it's become a cost of doing business in this truly global, and vulnerable, market.

Oil prices are likely to stay high, although nowhere near the peak they reached (in constant dollars) in the early 1980s. In this country, those high prices are likely to increase the political clamor for action — any action. The unpleasant truth is there's little the United States can do in the short term to calm the jittery oil market.

At his toughest hour, we saw N.J. governor's soul

BY DAVE BOYER

The Philadelphia Inquirer

With a speech that cut short his disastrous term as New Jersey governor, Jim McGreevey finally inspired some admiration.

The reasons for his resignation — admitting an affair with a man after reportedly being threatened with litigation — are nothing to cheer. McGreevey may very well have been forced into this stunning admission.

But the way McGreevey confronted the situation Thursday was one of the bravest acts I've seen in politics.

It stood there in front of his family and the world and admitted that he had been living a double life.

"My truth is that I am a gay American," McGreevey said.

And that sound you heard was jaws dropping all over New Jersey and beyond.

It's not for the first time to deceive the public for the first 2½ years of your tenure, or to expose the governor's office to, as he said, "rumors, false allegations and threats of disclosure." And we don't know yet whether McGreevey's speech was aimed in some small part at laying legal groundwork for whatever else might be coming. His precise phrasing of "adult consensual affair" sounded as much like a defense as it did an explanation.

Still, McGreevey could have handled this scandal the way so many other politicians do. He could have given a brief statement acknowledging that he had "caused pain" in his marriage and was resigning in the best interests of his family. He could have issued a short news release and disappeared. End of story.

Instead, he laid open his soul and his sexuality on camera. His speech was so personal and revealing, at one point I found myself wishing he would stop. It was as if he were

giving us too much information, even for a society and media that crave such intimate details about our leaders and our celebrities.

Talk about reality TV ...

"It makes little difference that, as governor, I am gay," he said. "In fact, having the ability to truthfully set forth my identity might have enabled me to be more forthright in fulfilling and discharging my constitutional obligations."

Here McGreevey was, crashing and burning in his political career, yet displaying the at-long-last empowerment he was feeling for the first time in his life. And you had to be at least appreciate the burden that was lifting right before our eyes.

"And this, the 47th year of my life, is arguably too late to have this discussion," he said. "But it is here, and it is now."

How many people watching him, across the nation, have wrestled with saying similar words to a family member or friend, let alone to the media hordes? Does this admis-

sion somehow salvage McGreevey's legacy as governor? No way. He has been a poor governor, regardless of his hidden sexuality and his coming out.

From the start, the former mayor of Woodbridge, N.J., looked like he was in over his head in Trenton, N.J. He made dubious appointments in his leadership team. His chief of staff and another top official resigned early on, after allegations surfaced that they had been using their positions on McGreevey's team to leverage billboard deals on the side.

After 10 months in office, he had to explain he'd taken 272 trips in state police helicopters, including 14 that were not for official business. Then, of course, there was his taxpayer-funded trip to Ireland, which the state Democratic Party paid for later. McGreevey got entangled in so many ethical dilemmas that he finally threw himself on the mercy of an ethicist/adviser appointed to watch over him.

His legislative agenda? Not impressive, gay governor or straight governor. He came into office saddled with huge budget shortfalls that required unpopular cuts and tax increases.

McGreevey couldn't seem to get a break, or to make his own breaks.

What should have been his crowning achievement instead was tarnished by a boycott from environmentalists angered that he had cut a deal to allow, potentially, more rapid development in South Jersey.

His term has been marked by ineptitude. Maybe that's why some of us found ourselves rooting for him Thursday, in spite of ourselves.

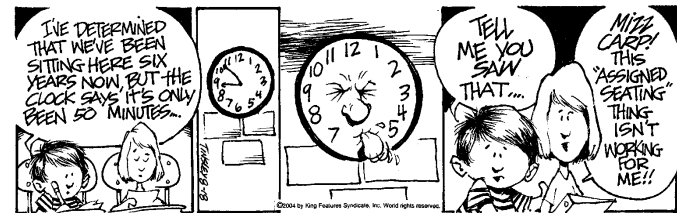
He talked of a "responsible transition" as the reason for waiting until Nov. 15 to step down. Not coincidentally, that timetable allows Democrats to hold onto the office through next year.

So, for the next three months, New Jersey has a gay governor.

If only he had run that way.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Man goes berserk

PA SOMERSET — A 38-year-old man stabbed himself several times in the chest, then ran out of his parents' beachfront home and jumped into the Taunton River, where he swam to avoid rescue boats for more than a half-hour, police said.

When police arrived at the home of James Maddaleno's parents, they found that Maddaleno had run to the edge of the property and jumped into the Taunton River, which was swimming around, 100 yards off shore.

After the police on shore located Maddaleno, five officers boarded the police department's marine patrol boat and responded to the scene.

The fire department's rescue boat, manned by two firefighters, assisted the police.

Two officers jumped into the river and were able to persuade Maddaleno to climb into the Fire Department's boat.

Police plan to charge Maddaleno with disorderly conduct.

Two killed in crash

IN TERRE HAUTE — A semi-trailer rear-ended a pickup truck on Interstate 70, triggering a chain-reaction crash that killed both people in the pickup and injured seven others, state police said.

The accident east of Terre Haute occurred as the semi driver approached a line of traffic that had stopped because of nearby construction. The impact lodged the pickup underneath the semi, in which dragged it more than 800 feet and hit seven other vehicles, police said.

The names of the victims were not immediately available. The semi driver, Lester Jackson, 57, of Sunbury, Ohio, was not injured. The vehicles hit was a motor home, which spun around and caught fire almost immediately. The family inside managed to get out, officials said.

Troopers closed the highway's eastbound lanes for the rest of the day.

The injured were taken to Terre Haute Regional Hospital. Two were treated and released, and three were airlifted to a hospital in Indianapolis.

Man fakes disappearance

FL TAMPA — When police found a van belonging to a missing newspaper carrier, blood on the steering wheel and a bullet casing inside, they feared the worst.

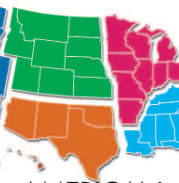
But it turned out the disappearance and sudden reappearance of Tampa Tribune carrier Clair Hudak is all a hoax.

Hudak, a 54-year-old husband and father of two grown children, admitted to investigators that he faked it all.

"He disappeared for a few days due to personal reasons," sheriff's spokesman Lt. Rod Roder said. Roder said Hudak will not be charged in connection with the faked disappearance. Since Hudak didn't report himself missing, the agency can't charge him with filing a false report.

Inmates tracked by GPS

ME PORTLAND — A pilot program intended to reduce overcrowding at Cumberland County Jail will use global position-



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ing technology to track low-risk inmates who are released early. Inmates will pay \$10 a day to cover monitoring equipment as they go to work or attend drug or alcohol rehab meetings.

Tornado may have hit

VA DANVILLE — A suspected tornado caused widespread damage in this southern Virginia city Thursday, collapsing roofs and toppling trees and power lines, officials said.

No injuries were reported. Dawn Eischen, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Emergency Services, said the storm destroyed a warehouse and collapsed the roof of a Wendy's restaurant and half the roof of a Marshall's department store in a strip shopping center.

"We suspect it was a tornado," Eischen said.

Susan Wright, assistant manager of the Marshall's, estimated about 150 people were in the store when the storm hit. She told The Associated Press that she herded panicked customers toward the back of the store as windows broke and ceiling tiles fell.

Eischen said one residential area, Forest Hill, was closed to everyone except residents because of downed trees. She said two power substations were damaged. At the height of the storm, nearly 10,000 customers were without power.

Man dies; case dropped

UT PROVO — Charges against the operator of a now-defunct medical-waste firm accused



Freestyle practice

Todd Potter kicks his feet up during a practice jump in the grandstands at the Richmond County Fairgrounds in Mansfield, Ohio. Potter was practicing for the Boost Mobile Freestyle MX.Com Tour Show.

of dumping hazardous chemicals into Orem's sewer system was dropped last week, two months after the man died in Hawaii.

David Ioane Kali, 65, died June 19, and charges were dropped Wednesday after a death certificate was presented to 4th District Court officials. The cause of death was not disclosed.

Kali had previously missed several court appearances this year because his lawyer said he was too ill to fly from Hawaii for proceedings.

Kali was charged in March 2003 with dumping dangerous levels of lead and zinc into Orem's water system over a three-year period.

The waste, which exceeded three times the allowable limit of lead and high levels of zinc, was dumped into the sewer drain for nearly a year, even after Kali was warned that the discharge violated state law, according to the original charges.

Orem Public Works officials have said no chemicals reached the city's drinking water or Utah Lake, where the city's waste water goes after being treated. The charges allege Kali violated permits and pretreatment standards from March 11, 1999, through Feb. 7, 2000.

State AG sues EPA

MO ST LOUIS — Missouri's attorney general sued the federal environmental agency on Friday, saying it is behind on testing the state's air for lead as required by law.

State attorney general Jay Nixon said in a news release the federal lawsuit seeks to force the Environmental Protection Agency to comply with the Clean Air Act by conducting the air quality test.

He said a review is required every five years but one has not been done since December 1990.

High levels of lead have been found in some south Missouri communities, including in an area near St. Louis where the nation's largest lead smelter is located.

Urn takes a sojourn

PA NEW HOPE — An urn containing cremated remains disappeared from its spot in front of a Bucks County family's home, only to be discovered by hikers in a nearby field, police said.

Upper Makefield police said the family had kept their aunt's green marble urn in front of the home for two weeks before it disappeared, and relatives speculated that floodwaters carried the urn on a journey down a small neighborhood stream before depositing it in the field where it was found Friday.

"This is certainly the strangest thing I've ever dealt with," Capt. Richard Krause said. He said he suspected that someone stole the urn and left it in the woods.

Judge allows construction

LA LAFAYETTE — A federal judge ruled against the Concerned Citizens Coalition, a group trying to stop construction of a connector for Interstate 49 through Lafayette. The group's suit claims the Federal Highway Administration planned the interstate too close to a historic district and park. The proposed five-mile stretch of highway, which would have six elevated lanes, would be required to extend the highway south from Lafayette to New Orleans.



The pool to himself — almost

Zach Jacobson, 7, was one of seven children swimming at a pool Friday in Davenport, Iowa. The pool had been closed three days due to cool weather but opened when Friday's temperature reached 67 degrees, one degree above the minimum.

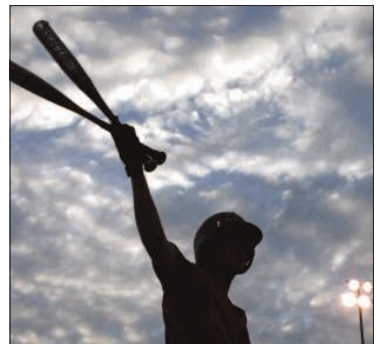


Heading for the Field of Dreams

Cell Call pulls up after flying low over a field while heading for the Field of Dreams for the flyover of the 13-and-under Babe Ruth World Series in Van Buren, Ark.



New ferry sets off The Staten Island Ferry, the Guy V. Molinari, makes its 5,000-mile journey to Staten Island from a Marinette, Wis., shipyard passing by the St. Clair River. It is expected to arrive in New York Harbor next month. The ferryboat left the shipyard Thursday after numerous last-minute mechanical adjustments. It is the first of three new ferries being built.



Summer baseball Atlantic County's Ian Law warms up before an at-bat in the 38th annual Bridgeton Invitational Baseball Tournament in Bridgeton, N.J.



Ready for the pass Case Brister, 20 months, of Lampasas, Texas, readies to throw a football to his babysitter as his father, Lampasas High School linebacker coach David Brister, prepares to take a varsity team picture during media day at Badger Field in Lampasas.

Big drug bust made

FL ST. PETERSBURG — The moving truck, packed with cardboard boxes and wood crates, pulled into Hide-Away Storage Services about noon. Howard Powell had just finished unloading 11 boxes when federal agents swooped down on the business.

Inside the semi-trailer, 4,179 pounds of marijuana, the largest non-maritime marijuana seizure in Florida in two years, agents said.

Investigators said the 2 tons of pot is worth \$3 million. A typical federal marijuana interdiction nets only 100 to 500 pounds.

Authorities arrested Powell, a Jamaican national, on federal charges of conspiring with others to possess and distribute marijuana.

Investigators say Powell, 27, of Miramar, is a middle man, a trusted associate in a "very high-level" operation. He told investigators he was paid \$5,000 to meet the delivery.

Couple poisoned in plane

NH GILFORD — A couple who apparently got sick from carbon monoxide in a small plane is in stable condition. William and Diana Truman are being treated at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. Jennifer Truman took control of the plane and landed it safely with the help of an air traffic controller after her father passed out in the cockpit.

Dad faces gun charge

TX RICHMOND — After a teacher found a loaded pistol in the backpack of a Richmond second-grader, the boy's father faces a misdemeanor charge of making a firearm accessible to a child.

Frank Greaves told Fort Bend Independent School District investigators that he had put the .380-caliber semiautomatic pistol in a pocket of the backpack a while ago and forgot that it was there.

The boy apparently didn't realize there was a gun in his backpack, said district spokeswoman Mary Ann Simpson. She told the Houston Chronicle that no action would be taken against the child.

The boy's teacher at Barbara Jordan Elementary School was helping students take out new school supplies on the first morning of school and felt something heavy in the backpack.

"Fortunately, none of our students saw the gun and no one was hurt," school principal Yvette Blake said in a letter sent home to parents.

The Class C misdemeanor carries a fine up to \$500.

Tutor pleads to sex crime

NY MINEOLA — A woman hired to tutor an 11-year-old boy has pleaded guilty to rape and sexual abuse of the child and faces six months in jail and 10 years probation when she is sentenced later this year.

Kathy Tuifel, 46, of Hicksville, pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree rape and two counts of second-degree sex abuse before Nassau County Court Judge Jeffrey Brown.

Tuifel could have faced 5 to 25 years in prison if she had been con-

victed on all three counts. In addition to jail and probation, Tuifel will have to register with state authorities as a sex offender.

Twin delivers twins

PA WYNNWOOD — The odds of a fraternal twin giving birth to two sets of identical twins may be one in a million, but Geena Morris can attest to it.

She delivered the quadruplets — two boys and two girls — on her 34th birthday at Lankenau Hospital. Mom and babies were doing well, hospital officials said.

"It's a very special 'birth' day for me," said Morris, herself a fraternal twin.

Morris was implanted with two embryos in January, with the hope of carrying one to term. She and her husband, Kort, also have a 2-year-old son.

Dr. Andrew Gerson, who delivered the babies, put the odds of such an occurrence at about one in 1 million quadruplet births.

Each of the newborns weighed between 2 and 3 pounds. Doctors hope the babies, who are receiving some help breathing, can be sent to their suburban Philadelphia home by the end of September, about a month before their mother's due date.

Doc gone wild

NH AUBURN — An assistant state medical examiner charged with dispensing controlled drugs and attempted sexual assault waived a preliminary hearing.

Gene Nigro, 46, of Exeter, was charged with trying to assault a 21-year-old man after injecting him with a drug.

Nigro, who has been suspended from the medical examiner's office, waived a probable cause hearing in Auburn District Court.

Prosecutors said Nigro has a nearly 20-year history of playing men with alcohol and drugs, then trying to have sex with them.

Fish jam dam turbines

GA AUGUSTA — Officials interrupted power generation several times at Thomson Dam recently after tens of thousands of fish were killed in the dam's hydroelectric turbines. Most of the dead fish were blue-back herring, which school in large numbers near the dam during summer months. Jamie Sykes, a district fisheries biologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said about 18,700 fish were killed Friday, 13,300 on Saturday and 14,120 on Sunday.

Fraud a numbers game

MA BOSTON — Nearly half the state's drivers are leaving themselves susceptible to identity fraud by failing to replace their Social Security number on their licenses with a scrambled, state-assigned number, officials said.

Beginning in October, drivers who renew their licenses online will no longer have the option of using their Social Security numbers, and those who renew in person at a registry office will be given a state-issued number unless they specifically ask otherwise.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Horoscope

We're in the thick of a cosmic pattern called the mystic triangle, which features out-of-the-blue occurrences that must be experienced to be believed. The unpredictable nature of this aspect goes either way—you could be pleased by happy surprises or completely caught off guard and annoyed. Take on an overwhelmingly positive attitude.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 18). Finances improve steadily all year long. Your lifestyle improves in the next seven weeks help to build your confidence. Social appearances cement your reputation in October.

Couples find new common ground in a joint venture in November. Singles explore new relationships. The connection shared with Capricorn or Sagittarius is very special.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To implement your plans, you must get connected. You've got no idea who can help and who can't until you put the word out. Those in the know can educate you in one conversation, whereas show-offs waste hours of your time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's difficult to keep a sunny attitude until you're sure that legal and financial details are handled. Keep the proper perspective. If you can actually enjoy your life during this transition, you're highly evolved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Selfishness is a problem in a subtle way through self-confidence and a few well-chosen words. You don't have to push. Create a mystery, and then, let others lead the way with their questions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Usually, you're able to hide emotions under that hard shell of yours, but today, you're nearly transparent. Since your feelings are obvious to others whether you want them to be or not, you may as well speak your heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Before you let a relationship drift into the land of serious commitment, consid-

er your needs at this point in your life and how the other person fits into the picture. Try not to make any decision unconsciously. This is a challenge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Normally a reasonable person,

you're flirting with disaster today. You may be fascinated by someone who is unavailable—a downright dangerous choice. Allow yourself the thrill of fantasy, but by all means, don't get involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're

presented with just the opportunity your bank account needs. But if you don't think you'll enjoy the work, don't say "yes." You could be put on the spot tonight, but at least you don't have to get nervous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Questions of integrity surface, and you do what's honorable. You'll get what you project now—the universe is extremely fair. At work, pause and deal directly with what bothers you instead of going on in spite of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's plenty of give and take in a relationship. Many practicalities are being handled beautifully, but a logical love affair could never keep your attention for long. Without romance, a relationship becomes a bore.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you resist what's going on around you, you cause stress. Be loose. When people feel comfortable in your presence, the resolution of problems is effortless. Friendships worth keeping may require you to say you're sorry.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be fine-tuning your skills. The best and most fulfilling way to accomplish this is to teach others. You could even stumble upon a new source of income in the process. You're a natural-born instructor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are limits to what you're willing to do in relationships. Your freedom is precious, and the need to spread your wings is stronger now. If you still feel autonomous within the boundaries of a relationship, it's just right.

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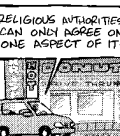


Calvin and Hobbes

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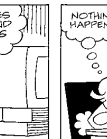
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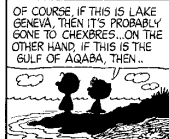
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Baby Bites



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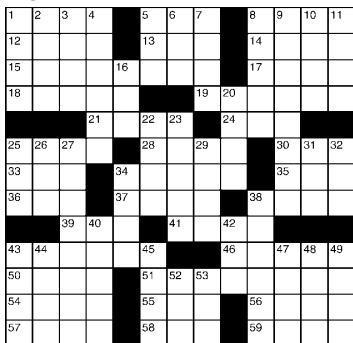
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 34 Dog owner's chore
- 38 Analyzed
- 40 Places in the heart
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- 44 Moth variety
- 45 Charlatan
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- 49 Tackles' teammates
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- 53 Fresh

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals A

Inappropriate act sign of insecurity

Dear Abby: My boyfriend, "Ron," and I have been together for six years and have lived together for two. We are planning to be married.

Sometimes Ron meets me for lunch near work. When he drops me off, he insists on kissing me in the car in front of the building, a long, lingering tongue kiss. I think it is inappropriate.

When I try to pull away, or upset him by it makes me uncomfortable. Ron gets so angry and says I must be ashamed of him or something. That's not true!

I would simply rather keep such displays of affection confined to our house, or at least away from my workplace. Am I wrong?

— Embarrassed in Boston

Dear Embarrassed: You are right to be embarrassed. What your boyfriend is doing isn't showing affection; it is displaying the extent of his insecurity.

By kissing you in such an inappropriate way, he is trying to show others the control he has over you. Please consider putting marriage on "hold" until your boyfriend grows up, which may be never.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: I am divorced and the father of two girls, ages 6 and 5. I am actively involved in their lives. My ex-wife, "Erin," is a teacher, so I pick the kids up from school and watch them until dinner every night.

Erin and I separated in 2001. She started dating the following July, and by August, my 6-year-old told me that Mom's "friend from high school" was sleeping in her bed and taking showers in the morning.

I was furious.

I told Erin that what she did when I had the kids was her business. But when the kids were with sleeping in her bed and taking showers in the morning, she told me

her bedroom was no longer any of my business. The sleepovers continued, and in November, Erin informed me that her boyfriend had officially moved in. She claims that this is a loving and committed relationship—but they have broken up twice that I know of in the past six months.

I am legally powerless to fight this, but I think that in addition to being confusing and unsettling for our daughters, Erin is setting a bad example.

— Legally Powerless in New York

Dear Powerless: Your ex-wife is setting a bad example and sending a poor message to her impressionable daughters. When the girls are older, Erin may come to regret her stance on this. Although you are legally powerless in this situation, I hope that you will continue to be a stabilizing influence in your daughters' lives, because it appears they are going to need one.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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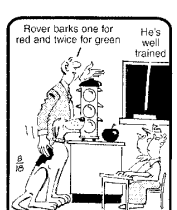
Answer: _____

Yesterday's

Jumbles: SILKY CHEEK JACKET TURNIP

Answer: Why the banker fired the loan officer—LACK OF INTEREST

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Amold and Mike Anglin



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Father struggles over legal issue

Dear Annie: When I met my ex-wife, she had a beautiful 7-month-old baby. "Maddie" thinks I am her father. When Maddie was old enough to ask why her last name was different, her mother told her it was because we were not yet married when she was born. She is 11 now.

My ex and I had two children together, "Johnny," now 8, and "Susie," now 5. Because Maddie is not biologically mine, it was determined during the divorce mediation that I was not financially responsible for her in any way, yet her mother insists she be included in my visitation with Johnny and Susie.

Here's the problem: The custody agreement says Johnny and Susie stay with me for seven days, then they stay with their mother. I pay child support for Johnny and Maddie, but I also buy clothes and food for Maddie when she is with me. This seems

Annie's Mailbox



How can I do this without making a huge mess and destroying all the children's lives?

— Struggling in the Midwest
Dear Struggling: Please, please, do not abandon Maddie. You are the only father she has ever known. If she were your biological child, you would be paying child support as well as providing food and clothing when she visits. We think you are getting a bargain—a loving child for half the cost.

We know this seems unfair to you, but we believe it's worth it. Perhaps you could suggest to your ex-wife that she ask for

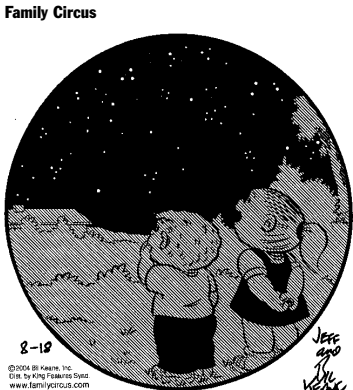
child support from Maddie's biological father and give some of that to you for the girl's upkeep. Maddie eventually may learn about her paternity, but it is important that she knows YOU love her regardless.

Dear Annie: If a woman was recently exposed to condyloma acuminatum (a form of genital warts), is there a treatment to stop the virus before it gets established? I had this condition for two months but have now been treated.

— Ralph

Dear Ralph: According to the American Social Health Association (ashastd.org), current available treatments are not designed to prevent the virus from becoming established, although new vaccines are being developed.

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"I wonder if the angels ever play connect-the-stars."

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Divorced men are hus-beens

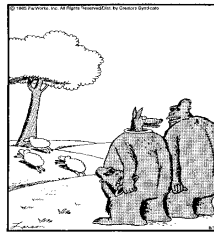
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Dennis the Menace



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The Far Side




"Hey! I think you've hit on something there! Sheep's clothing! Sheep's clothing! ... Let's get out of these gorilla suits!"

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Roddick never gets going in doubles play

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Andy Roddick's quest for two medals ended before it really began.

The U.S. Open champion and Mardy Fish lost their first-round doubles match at the wind-swept Olympic tennis tournament, 7-6 (5), 6-3 to fifth-seeded Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi of India.

That's hardly an upset, given that Roddick and Fish have played 10 tour-level doubles matches together — and their opponents have won three Grand Slam titles as a tandem.

The morning session was filled with minor surprises in singles, though, as winners topped 30 mph made serving difficult, affected rallies and blew plastic bags and sheets of paper on court during points.

Seeded losers included No. 4 Elena Dementieva of Russia, No. 13 Anna Smashnova of Israel, No. 7 Rainer Schüttler of Germany, No. 12 Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand, and No. 13 Andrei Pavel of Romania.

Among the winners were 1998 French Open champion Carlos Moya of Spain, who saved three match points and outlasted Thomas Enqvist of Sweden 7-6 (7), 6-7 (8), 9-7; No. 9 Nadia Petrova of Russia; and Eleni Daniilidou of Greece.

It was pretty horrible out there, but we warmed up in this morning, and it's not like the wind is blowing at my end and not hers," Australia's Alicia Molik said after beating 2000 Olympic silver-medalist Dementieva, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Petrova had plenty of trouble serving, already the weakest part of her game.

Nearly each ball toss was an adventure, with the French Open runner-up having to lean awkwardly just to make contact.

So Dementieva resorted to merely making sure she put the ball in play, sometimes tapping in second serves at about 60 mph. Molik broke Dementieva's serve six times.

The top-seeded team of Bob and Mike Bryan beat Marat Safin and Mikhail Yuzhny of Russia 6-1, 6-2 to help the United States go 3-1 during the session.

Taylor Dent beat Frederic Niemeyer of Canada 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, while Vince Spadea eliminated Jurgen Melzer 6-0, 6-1.

U.S. women top Czechs in basketball

At least there's one U.S. basketball team that can still shoot straight. And these U.S. women rebound it pretty well, too.

With a dominating performance on the boards and two big scoring spurts, the United States overcame another slow start and beat the Czech Republic 80-61.

The victory came a day after the U.S. men suffered a 92-73 loss to Puerto Rico.

The United States (2-0) fell behind New Zealand 7-0 in its opener on Saturday, and trailed by nine in this one when the Czechs seemingly could not miss at the outset.

But the United States kept taking the ball aggressively to the basket, got the Czech starters in foul trouble and got it together.

With key contributions from Tina Thompson and reserve Yolanda Griffith, the United States went on a 14-point spurt to take the lead for good, then blew it open with a 16-2 run at the start of the second half.

Lisa Leslie led the United States with 15 points, and Thompson scored 12.

Americans extend softball streak

Helped by two errors, the United States



American Lisa Leslie, center, battles for a loose ball with Michaela Pavlickova, left, and Ivana Vencova of the Czech Republic on Monday. The U.S. won 80-61.

scored three runs in the eighth inning for a 3-2 win over Japan.

The Americans extended their winning streak to 73 games.

Cat Osterman pitched a one-hitter with 11 strikeouts, and the United States (3-0) remained the only unbeaten team in the eight-team tournament.

Villa helps U.S. squad open water polo tourney with win

Brenda Villa scored four goals and Kelly Ruton had a pair to lead the world champion United States over Hungary 7-6.

Kelly Heuchan and Kate Gynther scored two goals apiece, and Australia opened with a 6-5 victory over Italy.

Danish sailor charged with manslaughter

A member of Denmark's sailing team was charged with manslaughter after he crashed and killed a British pedestrian while speeding in his car on the way to see

his country's handball team.

The sailor, Niklas Holm, hit the man, identified as Errol Strachan, on a suburban Athens street Sunday night, police said.

Holm, who spent the night in a police station, was released after prosecutor Athena Stavropoulou charged him with manslaughter and speeding, both misdemeanors.

"He has not been arrested, but of course, after such an accident, there are procedures in Greece, and he was first taken to the hospital where they took a blood sample, and he was then at police station overnight," Danish Olympic team spokesman Morten Moelholm said.

Police said they didn't suspect alcohol was a factor.

The 25-year-old sailor will be allowed to compete, but Moelholm didn't say if he would.

"I feel no guilt," Holm was quoted as saying on Danish TV2's Web site, adding he was driving 21 mph in one of the designated Olympic lanes when he struck Strachan.

Thorpe: Teen settles for 2nd bronze

THORPE, FROM BACK PAGE

Spitz was in Athens for the Olympics and expected to attend the race. He has said he didn't want to lose his medal, but it will remain his for at least another four years.

Two other Americans did claim gold on this night.

Natalie Coughlin, the top female swimmer on the American team, won the 100 backstroke, falling short of her own world record but holding off Kirsty Coventry of Britain. France's Laure Manaudou took bronze, her second medal of the Games.

Coughlin, who failed to qualify for the 2000 Games and was felled by illness at last year's world championships, looked at the scoreboard with relief rather than ecstasy. She closed her eyes, smiled and waved to the fans.

"It's too hard to put into words," she said. "I have had so many ups and downs over the past years."

Aaron Peirsol was first in the men's 100 back, the first gold medal of his career. Markus Rogan of Austria claimed silver and Japan's Tomomi Morita held off American Lenny Krayzelberg for the bronze.



American Natalie Coughlin reacts after winning the 100-meter backstroke at the 2004 Olympic Games on Monday.

Krayzelberg, who won three medals in Sydney, fell short of a medal in his only individual event by just two-100ths of a second.

The U.S. team was shut out in the night's other final. Luo

Xuejuan of China won gold in the 100 breaststroke, beating Australian Brooke Hanson and Leisel Jones. Three-time Olympian Amanda Beard was fourth and Tara Kirk sixth.

As for Phelps, he got off to a good start in his pursuit of Spitz, opening the Olympics with a world-record performance in the 400 individual medley.

But he settled for bronze when the American team faltered in the 400 freestyle relay on Sunday. Now, with only five races left, Spitz is out of reach.

Six gold medals would put Phelps in storied company, but because his audacious challenge fell short, he could be remembered as something of a failure at the Athens Games — the same perception that dogged Matt Biondi after he won "only" five golds at the 1988 Seoul Games.

"Will it crush him? No," said Debbie Phelps, the swimmer's mother. "He's already got a page in the history book."

Phelps is the greatest all-around swimmer in the world, and he didn't really need to swim the 200 free at the Olympics. But he knew it was his only chance to face Thorpe in an individual event, so the challenge was issued.

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Parker takes his shot, comes up short

Army marksman finishes eighth, has world record eclipsed by Zhu

BY TOM PETERSON
Knight Rider/Tribune

ATHENS — No medal. No more world record.

But as time softens the sting of a disappointing day in Athens, Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker can find plenty of pride in another "no."

No excuses.
Not on a day when he had one ready-made.

The 30-year-old Georgian finished eighth in the men's Olympic air rifle competition Monday, a rough finish for the Army shooter expected to contend for the gold.

Parker could have blamed a malfunctioning trigger that forced an in-competition adjustment during the middle of qualifying. He could have blamed the distraction. He could have blamed all that lost time to ponder the guy next to him, China's Zhu Qinan, who opened the day with five perfect 100s in the six-series set and went on to take the gold and Parker's record.

"I got it fixed," Parker said of the rifle. "No excuses. ... It takes just the right person, the right day. I just didn't do it."

But what Parker wouldn't say, teammate Matt Emmons would. "He had trigger problems," said Emmons, who finished ninth. "... To still hang in there and make the finals is tough."

In one of the Games' most pre-



Sgt. 1st Class Jason Parker rests his weapon between shots during the men's air rifle finals Monday in Athens. Parker finished in eighth place as China's Zhu Qinan won gold and eclipsed Parker's world record.

cise sports, in which competitors aim at a bull's-eye the size of a newspaper print, the difference between gold and goat can be one small twitch or a mis-timed breath. Zhu scored 702.7 points; countryman and silver medalist Li Jie was at 701.3 and Josef Gonsi of Slovakia won the bronze at 697.4. Zhu beat Parker's record, set in June 2002, by two-tenths of a point.

Parker, from Cusseta, Ga., had started strong Monday, opening with a perfect 100 in the first of six qualifying 10-shot series, but he dropped to 99 on his second series. Then, with his trigger forc-

ing his shot too early, he hit back-to-back 98s. Through four rounds, he had dropped four shots to perfection.

"I was well prepared," said Parker, a member of the Army marksmanship unit at Ft. Benning, Ga. "I'm really proud of everything I did."

Parker squeaked into the finals via a tiebreaker over Emmons and two other shooters at 594, but he was five points behind Zhu, who had 10 shots to make it up in the finals. The gap was too large. Zhu, who had scored 599 out of a possible 600 points during qualifying, scored in the 10s on all but one shot in the finals.

"To do that in the Olympics, he's a champion," Parker said.

With his Olympics done, Parker is headed home early to Ft. Benning.

After a fifth-place finish at the 2000 Olympics and an eighth Monday, Parker said he'll ponder his future and decide if he will make a run for Beijing in 2008. But moments after the finals, he already was thinking about it.

"You can learn from this," he said, looking ahead, not back. But Emmons took a glance back at Parker's trigger problems.

"I'd like to see what would have happened if that didn't happen to him," he said.

Synchronized diving gold is first for Greeks

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — It was a glorious surprise, igniting a party complete with song and dance: The Greeks won the first gold medal of their hometown Olympics with an unexpected victory Monday night in synchronized diving.

"I still can't believe it," gold medalist Nikolaos Iliadis said. "It feels like a fairy tale. It's hard for me to speak."

Fairy tale? No. Miracle? Not quite, but Sirindaris and partner Thomas Bimis only captured the 3-meter springboard gold that ignited the festivities after a series of twists and turns that ended barely for their opposition.

First, the favored Chinese team blew a 12-point lead by scoring zero on a disastrous final dive. Next, Russians Dmitry Sautin and Alexander Dobrovolskiy botched their attempt, followed by a terrible landing from the American pair in second place.

Add the Greek pair's killer final dive — a well-executed and risky 3½ somersault tuck — and the celebration was on.

"We hope this is just the start, and there are more medals," Bimis said.

Andreas Wels and Tobias Schellenberg of Germany won the silver medal, while Robert Newbery and Steven Barnett of Australia earned the bronze.

In the women's 10-meter synchronized platform, Luo Lili and Li Ting of China won the gold, followed by Natalia Goncharova and Yulia Koltunova of Russia. Hartley and Emilio Heymans of Canada took the bronze.

Americans Cassandra Cardinell and Sara Hildebrand scored seventh.

Weightlifting

Men's 62kg: Gold medalist Shi Zhiyong of China broke the Olympic snatch record, raising 336 pounds (152.5kg), and took world and Olympic records for total lift. Shi broke the snatch record of 330½ pounds (150kg) set by gold medalist Nikolai Peshalov of

Croatia in the 2000 Sydney Olympics. The world record is 336½ pounds (153kg) by Shi, set in 2002.

Shi's total lift of 716 pounds (325kg) tied Peshalov's world record, also set in Sydney.

Women's 53kg: Chen Yanqing of China won the gold with a total of 523.5 pounds (237.7kg). Ri Song Hui of North Korea got the silver. Wandee Kameaim of Thailand won the bronze.

Fencing

Men's foil: France's Brice Guertal rallied from an early deficit in the final to defeat Italy's Salvatore Sanzo.

Earlier, Andrea Cassara of Italy defeated Russia's Rinal Ganeev 15-12 to take the bronze.

Judo

Men's 73kg: World champion Lee Won-hee of South Korea defeated American Jimmy Pedro in the third round and went on to claim the gold medal in the 73kg class, beating Vitaliy Makarov of Russia in the final.

Pedro bounced back for a

bronze, which he shared with Leandro Guilherme of Brazil.

Lee and Pedro had been the focus of the competition ever since the draw was announced. Pedro, a 1996 bronze medalist and four-time Olympian, ended Lee's 48-match winning streak last December.

Women's 57kg: Yvonne Boenisch of Germany reversed a loss last year to North Korea's Kye Sun Hui by upsetting the two-time world champion in the final.

Deborah Gravenstijn of the Netherlands and Yuriyeldys Lupetey of Cuba each took bronze.

Shooting

Women's trap: Suzanne Balogh of Australia pulled away from the field to win the gold medal in trap shooting.

Maria Quintanal of Spain took the silver and South Korea's Lee Bo-na won the bronze.

Collyn Loper of Birmingham, Ala., moved to medal position by making her first 13 shots of the finals. She missed four of her next seven and finished a shot behind Lee in fourth place.

U.S. boxer Escobedo stops foe, moves on

BY TIM DAHLBERG
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — They wished cars, put up posters and sold T-shirts to raise the money to be here. When it was finally time for Vicente Escobedo to fight, his family and friends welcomed him into the arena by waving his picture and chanting "Chente, Chente."

They had worked hard and came a long way to see Escobedo in the ring. The American lightweight wasn't about to let them down.

With his excited group of fans cheering him on, Escobedo dominated from the opening bell Monday to stop Jose David Mosquera of Colombia in the third round and keep the United States undefeated through three Olympic bouts.

"I'd like to win today," Escobedo said. "That's what I came here to do."

Escobedo's mother and two brothers stood at the railing overlooking the ring cheering him on, part of a handful of friends and family who got to Athens only after raising \$25,000 in a series of fund-raisers.

A sports bar in his hometown of Woodlands, Calif., contributed some money while family members, including the next morning T-shirts with pictures of Escobedo on it and washing a lot of cars.

He gave them all something to see, starting quickly and never letting up against Mosquera before the fight was finally stopped 31 seconds into the third round by the mercy rule with Escobedo ahead 30-10.

Escobedo advanced to a Friday fight against Rovshan Huseynov of Azerbaijan, while also keeping intact a modest U.S. winning streak.

Cuban fighters also remained unbeaten in the tournament with Luis Vazquez winning a featherweight bout.

"We're on a winning streak and hopefully we can keep it up," Escobedo said. "It gave me a lot of confidence knowing my teammates and family were cheering me on."

The son of immigrant farm workers who began boxing to get away from the temptations of gang life, Escobedo wasn't considered one of the top U.S. prospects coming into the year.

But after losing at the U.S. championships in January, he has gone through six competitions without a loss and appears to be peaking at the right time.

"I've accomplished my dream by being here," he said. "Now it's one more, to win a gold medal."

Escobedo has four other Americans in the second round. Welterweight Vanes Martirosyan and middleweight Andre Dirrell won over the weekend, while light heavyweight Andre Ward and light welterweight Rock Allen drew byes into the second round.

Olympic medals roundup

2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Revitalized U.S. men vault to silver finish

Team wins first medal in 20 years

BY EDDIE PELLIS

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Twenty years later, the boys are back on the medal stand.

The American men's gymnastics program, long overlooked and often unappreciated, won Olympic silver Monday, capping a four-year rebuilding project to take home a medal for the first time since the boycotted 1984 Games.

After faltering in the middle two rotations, Paul and Morgan Hamm led a rally. The Americans hit their last six routines, on parallel bars and high bar, to push past Romania and finish with 172.933 points.

The Japanese went last and needed to average about 9.5 over three sets on the high bar to win. They did it with ease, winning the meet by 0.888 points.

The Americans applauded the clutch effort, but they also celebrated their own.

It doesn't get harder than that. It doesn't get more dramatic than that. "U.S. Gymnastics President Bob Carolosso said, 'To come back out and hit the last six routines like that is unbelievable.'"

This was only the third team medal for America, and its first at a non-boycotted Olympics since 1932, back when the club tuss and rope climb were still part of the sport.

Yes, it has been awhile since the men were this good. They long languished in the shadows of the more successful women's program, to say nothing of so many other Olympic sports.

"A team medal at the Olympics is huge," said Bart Conner, a member of the winning 1984 team. "I know they wanted gold, but this is an enormous accomplishment."

Like the rebuilding project itself, the crowning merit was anything but easy.

Guard Yurchak and both the Hammus took big steps on their



ATHENS 2004

USA's Paul Hamm competes in the vault during the men's team final. The U.S. team won silver, its first Olympic medal since 1984.

vault landings to cap a bad stretch on rings and vault, dropping the Americans from first to a precarious third.

The parallel bars changed that. Paul Hamm, Blaine Wilson and Jason Gatson all scored higher than 9.7. Gatson closed the act with a routine that includes a move named after him — one with the grips the bar with his left hand and swings upside down while turning himself completely around.

He did it perfectly, prompting coaches Kevin Mazurka and Miles Avery to start high-fiving. When the score of 9.825 came up, Gatson slapped hands with his teammates and the crowd started yelling "U.S.A., U.S.A.," a chant heard all too infrequently over the years with the men on the mat.

Paul Hamm's closing high-bar routine was less than perfect. He did only two straight blind-release moves instead of his customary three after nearly falling off on the second turn. But it was good enough.

Monday's scores

BASEBALL	
Taiwan 3, Australia 0	
Canada 6, Italy 0	
Cuba 5, Greece 4	
Japan 8, Netherlands 3	
BASKETBALL	
New Zealand 81, South Korea 73	
Slovenia 81, Lithuania 67	
United States 80, Czech Republic 61	
Spain 77, Argentina 67	
Brazil 67, Greece 75	
FIELD HOCKEY	
Women	
Argentina 3, South Africa 0	
China 2, New Zealand 0	
Netherlands 1, South Korea 2	
SOFTBALL	
China 4, Canada 2	
United States 3, Japan 0	
Greece 2, Italy 0	
Australia 1, Taiwan 0	
TEAM HANDBALL	
Men	
Russia 35, Russia 32	
Croatia 27, Slovenia 26	
France 29, Greece 25	
Hungary 20, Brazil 19	
Germany 26, Egypt 14	
VOLLEYBALL	
Women	
Brazil 3, Kenya 0 (25-16, 25-12, 25-12)	
China 3, Dominican Republic 0 (25-20, 25-16, 25-10)	
Italy 3, Japan 0 (25-16, 25-13, 25-17)	
Japan 3, Greece 1 (25-20, 25-19, 25-25, 25-20)	
United States 3, Germany 1 (25-22, 25-22, 25-20, 25-20)	
WATER POLO	
Men	
United States 7, Hungary 6	
Australia 5, Italy 5	
Russia 5, Canada 6	
Greece 4, Kazakhstan 6	

Diving

Men	
Synchronized 3m Springboard	
Bimbi, 353.34	
China 3, Slovakia 1	
France 2, Belarus 1	
Italy 1, Romania 0	
Australia 1, Robert Newbery, Steven Barnett, 349.09	
Cuba 4, Jorge Betancourt, Garcia Fort, Enrique Alvarez, 338.46	
Britain 1, John (Tim) Mark, Shipman, 331.08	
United States (Justin Damico, The Woodlands, Texas), 327.00	
China 3, Dmitriy Saloutin, Alexander Dobroski, 312.24	
China 3, Feng Bo, Wang Kenan, 283.89	
Women	
Synchronized 10m Platform	
China 1, China Lishi, Li Ting, 321.14	
Russia 1, Natalia Goncharova, Julia Kotlyarskaya, 304.02	
Canada 1, Blythe Hartley, Emily Heymans, 317.78	
Australia 1, Loudy Tourky, Lydia Folaheh, 313.78	
Mexico 1, Paola Milagros Espinosa Sanchez, Jaskradin Luna Aroca, 307.74	
Germany 1, Annett Gamm, Nora Subschinski, 301.32	
United States (Cassandra Cardinelli, Loudounville, N.Y.; Sara Hildebrand, St. Paul, Minn.), 292.22	
Greece 1, Efthycha Pappa-Papavasiliou, Ioana Florina Stilianou, 272.48	

Fencing

Men's Individual Foil Semifinals	
Brioc Guay, France, def. Andrea Cassara, Italy, 15-14, 2-18	
Italy 1, Romania 0	
Russia 15-12, 3-13	
Women's Individual Foil Semifinals	
Russia 15-12, 3-13	
Men's Team Foil Semifinals	
Italy 15-12, 2-3	
Gold Medal	
Russia 15-12, 3-13	
Gymnastics	
Men's Team Final	
Japan (Takeshi Kasahira, Hisashi Mizutani, Daisuke Nakano, Hiroyuki Tomita, Naoya Tsukahara, Isao Yoneda), 173.821,	

2. Morgan Hamm, Jason Gatson, Upland, Calif.; Morgan Hamm, Waukeisha, Wis.; Paul Hamm, Waukeisha, Wis.; Brett McVie, Mill Creek, Wash.; Blaine Wilson, Columbus, Ohio; Guard Yurchak, Oakland City, 173.533.	
3. Romania (Marian Dragulescu, Iulian Popescu, Dan Nicolae, Polina Senil, Doru Selaru, Ioan Silviu Sciu, Marius Daniel Uzoi), 173.384.	
4. South Korea (Choi Seong Min; Kim Baek; Kim Dong Hwa; Kim Joo Il; Lee Sun Sung; Yang Tae Hoon), 173.247.	
5. China (Chang Liu, Li Xiaohong, Tang Hailong; Xiao Qiu, Xing Aowei; Yang Wei), 172.257.	
6. Russia (Alexandr Bordenko; Maxim Devyatkov; Anton Golotsutskiy; Georgi Grebenov; Alexei Nemov; Alexander Sidorov), 169.808.	
7. Ukraine (Evgeni Bogonosyuk; Valeri Goncharov; Vadym Kuvshin; Maxim Mykheyev; Andriy Mykheyenko; Roman Zozulak), 168.244.	
8. Germany (Thomas Anderegasse; Matthias Fabrig; Florian Hambruch; Robert Juchacz; Sven Kwiatkowski; Sergei Pfeifer), 167.372.	

Judo

Men's 73kg Semifinals	
Vitaliy Malin, Russia, def. Daniel Fernandes, France, Hansoku make, 3-0.	
Lee Won Hee, South Korea, def. Victor Bivol, Moldova, Ippon, Tai-otoshi, 1-3.	
Women's 63kg Semifinals	
Leandro Goulner, Brazil, def. Victor Bivol, Moldova, Soto-uchi, 4-23.	
Bronze Medal Contest 2	
James Ross, Lawrence, Mexico, def. Daniel Fernandes, France, Ippon, Yoko-shiho-gate, 2-28.	
Gold Medal	
Lee Won Hee, South Korea, def. Vitaliy Malin, Russia, Ippon, Kouchi-makikomi, 4-51.	

Women's 57kg Semifinals

Kye Sun Hui, North Korea, def. Yuryelise Lupetey Cobas, Cuba, Ippon, Osoto-gaeishi, 1-3.	
Yvonne Bonnie, Germany, def. Deborah Graevenstein, Netherlands, Ippon, Tani-otoshi, 1-21.	
Bronze Medal Contest 1	
Deborah Graevenstein, Netherlands, def. Barbara Hildebrand, France, Ippon, Sotokomikoshi-goshi, 1-3.	
Bronze Medal Contest 2	
Yuryelise Lupetey Cobas, Cuba, def. Isabel Fernandez, Spain, Ippon, 1-3.	
Gold Medal	
Yvonne Bonnie, Germany, def. Kye Sun Hui, North Korea, Yuko, 1-3.	

Shooting

Men's 10m Air Rifle	
1. Zhu Qinan, China, 693.7, 702.7.	
2. Li Yu, China, 698.1, 703.3.	
3. Jozsef Gombosi, Slovakia, 698.4, 697.4.	
4. Chen Wen, W. Korea, 698.2, 696.6.	
5. M. Mark Eckhardt, Germany, 695.1, 693.1.	
6. Je Sung Han, South Korea, 694.0, 693.6.	
7. Abhinav Bindra, India, 697.9, 692.6.	
Men's 10m Air Pistol	
1. Jozsef Gombosi, Slovakia, 698.4, 697.4.	
2. Chen Wen, W. Korea, 698.2, 696.6.	
3. M. Mark Eckhardt, Germany, 695.1, 693.1.	
4. Je Sung Han, South Korea, 694.0, 693.6.	
5. Abhinav Bindra, India, 697.9, 692.6.	
Other U.S. Finisher	
9. Matthew Emmons, Brown's Mills, N.J. (594), 594.9.	
Women's Trap	
1. Suzanne Balogh, Australia, 60, 27, 88.	
2. Maria Quintero, Spain (60, 28, 88).	

3. Lee Bo Na, South Korea (60, 23, 83).	
4. Colyn Lopez, Birmingham, Ala. (61, 20, 88).	
5. Susanne Kiemeyer, Germany, 65, 17, 79.	
6. Susan Natanson, Canada (61, 61, 76).	

Swimming

Men	
100 Backstroke	
1. Aaron Peirsol, Irvine, Calif., 54.06.	
2. Marcus Rorison, Australia, 54.53.	
3. Tomomi Morita, Japan, 55.21.	
4. Lenny Kravtzev, West Hollywood, Calif., 54.38.	
5. Matt Welsh, Australia, 54.52.	
6. László Cseh, Hungary, 54.61.	
7. Steffen Dries, Germany, 54.63.	
8. Marco Di Carli, Germany, 55.27.	
200 Freestyle	
1. Ian Thorpe, Australia, 1:47.71.	
2. Pieter van den Hoogenband, Netherlands, 1:48.12.	
3. Michael Phelps, Towson, Md., 1:48.33.	
4. Rick Say, Canada, 1:49.55.	
5. Grant Hackett, Australia, 1:48.56.	
6. Ryan Kelly, Boston, 1:49.05.	
7. Simon Bruns, Britain, 1:48.02.	
8. Emiliano Brembilla, Italy, 1:48.40.	
100 Backstroke	
1. Natallia Goushieva, Concord, Calif., 1:00.37.	
2. Kirsty Coventry, Zimbabwe, 1:00.50.	
3. Laure Manaudou, France, 1:00.88.	
4. Reiko Nakamura, Japan, 1:01.05.	
5. Nina Zhigalova, Spain, 1:01.12.	
6. Antje Buschschulte, Germany, 1:01.39.	
7. Julia Bechert, Germany, 1:01.51.	
8. Haley Coope, Calif., 1:01.76.	
100 Breaststroke	
1. Luo Xuejuan, China, 1:06.64.	
2. Brooke Hanson, Australia, 1:07.15.	
3. Lelani Jones, Australia, 1:07.16.	
4. Amanda Beard, Irvine, Calif., 1:07.44.	
5. Sarah Poewe, Germany, 1:07.53.	
6. Tara Kirk, Brentwood, Wash., 1:07.59.	
7. Svetlana Bondaruk, Ukraine, 1:08.13.	
8. NR, Qi Hui, China, DQ.	

Weightlifting

Men	
55kg	
1. Shi Zhongyi, China, 1, 152.50-336; 2, 172.50-381; 225.00-417, 711 points.	
2. Li Maosheng, China, 4, 140.00-309; 1, 152.50-336; 2, 172.50-381; 225.00-417, 711 points.	
3. Leonidas Sampanlis, Greece, 1, 152.50-336; 2, 172.50-381; 225.00-417, 711 points.	
4. Israel Jose Rubio Rivero, Venezuela, 1, 152.50-336; 2, 172.50-381; 225.00-417, 711 points.	
5. Alexander Kolesnikov, Poland, 1, 152.50-336; 2, 172.50-381; 225.00-417, 711 points.	
6. Samson Nicksa, France, 1, 152.50-381; 2, 172.50-381; 225.00-417, 711 points.	
7. 152.50-381; 2, 172.50-381; 225.00-417, 711 points.	
8. 152.50-381; 2, 172.50-381; 225.00-417, 711 points.	
69kg	
1. Chen Yongling, China, 1, 107.50-231; 1, 130.00-287; 237.50-524, 513 points.	
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Perseverance pays off: Singh wins PGA in playoff

By DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

HAVEN, Wis. — Vijay Singh grabbed the Wanamaker Trophy with both hands and lifted it high over his head Sunday at the PGA Championship, an unlikely victory built on the kind of resiliency that defines his life.

Two shots behind with three holes to play, he was headed for another meltdown in a major championship.

Singh knows better than anyone never to lose hope.

Exiled to Borneo as a teaching pro, later a bouncer at a Scottish nightclub to pay bills while he kept his dreams alive, he emerged to become one of the best players in the world.

Singh confirmed his status with a stunning comeback at Whistling Straits, and the most timely birdie of his career.

"I just hung in there," Singh said after winning a three-way playoff over fast-fading Justin Leonard and Chris DiMarco. "I never gave up. I just said, 'I'm going to make a putt sooner or later.'"

Given new life when Leonard missed a 12-foot par putt in regulation — his sixth miss inside 12 feet on the back nine — Singh made his only birdie of the day from 6 feet on the first extra hole, and Leonard and DiMarco never came close to catching him the rest of the way.

Leonard and DiMarco never had a good look at birdie in the

Haas, Cink are Ryder picks

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Jay Haas became the second-oldest player to be on the Ryder Cup team, joining Stewart Cink as the two captain's picks Monday for a U.S. team that will try to regain the cup from Europe next month.

U.S. captain Hal Sutton said he considered five players for his two wild-card selections, but Haas and Cink were never far from his mind.

The 50-year-old Haas, who stayed away from the Champions Tour to try to make his first Ryder Cup team in nine years, was 10th in the standings going into the PGA Championship but closed with a 77 and dropped to No. 12.

playoff, and they stood helplessly on the 18th green as Singh tapped in from 2 feet for par for his third career major.

It was an amazing turnaround for Singh, whose life is all about second chances.

He blew up in the final round at the U.S. Open and PGA Championship last year, and the 76 he shot regulation Sunday on a grueling course along the shores of Lake Michigan put him in the record books for the wrong reason: It was his highest final round score ever by a PGA champion, and the highest in any major since Reg

Cink will play on the Ryder Cup for the second straight year. He was well back in the standings until closing strong at the Buick Open and the International to get high enough on the standings to get Sutton's attention.

"We're four weeks away from determining whether I made the right decision or the wrong decision," Sutton said.

Left off the team were Scott Verplank, a steady player who had an outstanding Ryder Cup at The Belfry two years ago, and Todd Hamilton, whose two victories this year include the British Open.

The matches will be Sept. 17-19 at Oakland Hills outside Detroit.

Whitcombe shot 78 and won the 1938 British Open at Royal St. Georges.

"It looked ugly," Singh said of his score. "But it's the prettiest one, I think."

It was a nightmare for Leonard, who squandered a chance to earn a spot on the Ryder Cup team.

Playing in the final group at the PGA for the third time in eight years, he said a two-shot lead with five holes to play until his putt failed him. He missed from 6 feet for par on the 14th, 10 feet for birdie on the 15th, 5 feet for par on the 16th and 12 feet for par on the 18th, the most costly of them all.



Play Singh smiles after making birdie on the first hole of a three-hole playoff against Justin Leonard and Chris DiMarco at the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits in Haven, Wis., on Sunday.

"All I needed was one of them to go," said Leonard, who shot 75. "It's pretty hard to win a tournament, much less a major, when you do something like that."

DiMarco had an 18-foot birdie putt on the 18th in regulation that he left just short. He closed with a 71, the only player in the final nine groups to break par as Whistling Straits finally lived up to its fearsome reputation.

Given new life, Singh took advantage in the three-hole playoff.

He went with a driver on the 361-yard 10th hole, nearly driving the green and leaving himself a simple pitch to 6 feet. When the putt fell, it was the first time Singh smiled all day.

"I waited all day for it, and it was a good time that it came," he said.

Singh then laced a 3-iron into 6 feet on the 236-yard 17th, although he missed that putt. Leonard and DiMarco needed birdie on the 18th and didn't come close — DiMarco in a bunker, Leonard so far away that he used a wedge to chip on the green. Neither finished the hole.

"This makes my year," Singh said. "I think this is the biggest accomplishment I've ever had in my whole career."

The consolation for DiMarco was a spot on the Ryder Cup team, moving to No. 8 in the standings.

Prosecutors in Bryant case dealt another setback

The Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — Prosecutors were dealt another setback Monday in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case, losing a last-ditch attempt to keep the NBA star's lawyers from telling jurors about the alleged victim's sex life.

Without explanation, the Colorado Supreme Court refused to consider an appeal of a ruling by the trial judge that the woman's sexual conduct around the time of her encounter with Bryant was relevant to the case.

The decision came as Bryant's final pretrial hearing got under way.

If the justices had agreed to hear the prosecution's appeal, the trial could have been delayed for weeks beyond the scheduled Aug. 27 start date.

Prosecutors filed the appeal two weeks after the judge's ruling.

The motion, along with prosecutors' unsuccessful attempt last week to indefinitely delay the trial, had prompted speculation about whether they would drop the case.

District attorney spokeswoman Krista Flannigan said prosecutors still plan to put the Los Angeles Lakers guard on trial.

On Friday, District Judge Terry Ruckelshaus denied the request to indefinitely delay the trial. Prosecutors sought the postponement in part because of the accidental release of transcripts from a closed-door

hearing, which they called "extremely harmful" to the case.

In the transcripts, a defense witness explained why she believed DNA evidence indicated the alleged victim had sex with another man after her encounter with Bryant but before her hospital exam.

Further complicating prosecutors' task, the 20-year-old accused filed a civil suit against Bryant in federal court last week.

Defense attorney Pamela Mackey said in court filings the lawsuit had the effect of "exposing her motivation to pursue her false accusation — the hope of a large monetary award."

Bryant, 25, has acknowledged having sex with the woman at the hotel where she worked last summer, but insists she consented.

Patriots sign first-rounder Watson

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots signed first-round draft pick Benjamin Watson on Monday, ending the team's lengthy holdout.

Watson, a 23-year-old tight end out of Georgia, was the 32nd and last pick of the first round. His signing leaves quarterback Patrick Rivers as the only unsigned first-rounder.

Watson signed after firing his agent, Tom Condon, last week, and hiring Pat Dye Jr. to represent him.

Griener relieved over Carter's dismissal

OXNARD, Calif. — The NFL Players As-

sociation filed a grievance Monday against the Dallas Cowboys on behalf of Quincy Carter, claiming the quarterback was released by the team for reasons not permitted in the NFL collective bargaining agreement.

"You don't go from being a starting, playoff quarterback in this league to someone not good enough to make the 80-man roster the next summer," Richard Bertelsen, the union's general counsel, said in a statement.

Carter, who started all 16 regular season games plus their playoff contest for the Cowboys last season, was unexpectedly released by the team Aug. 4.

The team has not given a reason for Carter's release, although there were widespread reports that he had failed a drug test.

Czech hockey coach dies in car wreck

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — Ivan Hlinka, a former Pittsburgh Penguins coach who led the Czech Republic to a gold medal at the 1998 Nagano Olympics, died Monday after being injured in a car crash. He was 54.

Hlinka was reappointed Czech coach in May, and was set to lead the team at the World Cup of Hockey later this month.

Bourdis charges back in Denver GP

DENVER — Bumped to 13th place coming out of the race's first turn, Sebastian Bourdis weaved his way through the field

and passed Paul Tracy with 10 laps left to win the Grand Prix of Denver on Sunday.

Bourdis earned the pole after becoming the first driver in race history to break the 1-minute barrier during qualifying, only to have his advantage taken away in the opening seconds when he was bumped by Newman-Haas teammate Bruno Junqueira.

Bourdis passed four cars to move into ninth place within 10 laps and kept working his way through the 1.65-mile course until he had won for the fifth time this year.

Fernandez holds off Rice in IRL race

SPARTA, Ky. — Adrian Fernandez posted the first win of his Indy Racing League IndyCar Series career, holding off Buddy Rice at Kentucky Speedway on Sunday.

Fernandez's victory in the Belterra Casino Indy 300 comes in his first year on the IRL circuit after winning eight times in Champ Car competition.

Hawks get Drobniak for 2005 pick

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte Bobcats traded center Predrag Drobniak to the Atlanta Hawks on Monday for a second-round pick in the 2005 NBA draft.

The Bobcats agreed to select Drobniak, a 6-foot-11 forward from Serbia-Montenegro, from the Los Angeles Clippers in the expansion draft as part of the deal for the Clippers' No. 2 overall pick in the NBA draft. The Bobcats used that pick to draft Emeka Okafor.

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division		Pct	GB
New York	73	62.5	101
Baltimore	57	49	141
Tampa Bay	56	49	141
Toronto	49	41	201

Central Division		Pct	GB
Minnesota	64	53	54
Chicago	56	45	124
Chicago	54	43	124
Kansas City	74	36	219

West Division		Pct	GB
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Versatile Figgins lift Anaheim still almost even in chase for AL wild card

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — No matter where Chone Figgins plays on defense, he never lets the Anaheim Angels down.

Figgins made his first start of the season in right field on Sunday and threw out a runner at home plate before Darin Erstad's go-ahead RBI double in the eighth inning lifted the Angels to a 3-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

"He's arguably right up there with Vladimir Guerrero and Jose Guillen as our MVP, just because of his versatility," winning pitcher Scot Shields said. "He's helped me out a couple of times this year on tough plays."

Figgins hadn't played in the majors on a full-time basis until this season — and only because of injuries to third baseman Troy Glaus and center fielder Garret Anderson. Now they can't get him out of the lineup because of his offense, defense and speed on the bases. He's played six positions this year, including left field, shortstop and second base.

"I think you'd have to give him consideration to be our MVP, just for this season," manager Mike Scioscia said. "Not only is he playing everywhere, he's doing everything we've asked of him. Figgins loves to play the game. He's fearless and nothing intimidates him."

Guerrero, who has 10 outfield assists this season, got the day off. Figgins started in his place and did his best impersonation of Guerrero — throwing out Craig Monroe trying to score on a single by Brandon Inge in the fourth to temporarily keep the Angels ahead 2-1.

"The ball kind of got tied up in my glove, but I still figured I had a chance because he hit it hard, and Monroe's not really a fast runner," Figgins said. "So I just wanted to make a good throw and have a good chance to get him out at home plate. If I'm on the field, I'm comfortable no matter where I'm at."

Shields (6-2) pitched two innings, allowing no runs and one hit. He struck out three batters and walked one. The Angels' offense was stifled, with only one run and one hit in seven innings.

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nings of one-hit relief for the victory, allowing an unearned run. Troy Percival pitched a hitless ninth for his 23rd save in 28 attempts.

David Eckstein drew a two-out walk in the eighth, then stole second without a throw when Gold Glove catcher Ivan Rodriguez couldn't handle a sinker by Jason Johnson that broke sharply at the last instant. Erstad got his clutch hit on a 1-2 pitch down the line past first baseman Carlos Pena.

Johnson (9-11) allowed three runs and six hits in eight innings, striking out three and walking three. The complete game was his second this season and fifth in 158 career starts.

Anderson committed his second error of the season, helping set up the tying run in the seventh after Shields inherited a 2-1 lead from Aaron Sele.

Anderson mislaid Nook Logan's leadoff single into two bases. Logan advanced to third on Omar Infante's bunt and scored on Carlos Guillen's dribbler to third base with the infield in.

Mariners 7, Yankees 3: Edgar Martinez hit a go-ahead single in the ninth, and Mike Olivo had two hits and two RBIs in a six-run seventh as the Mariners rallied from a 3-1 deficit and stopped the visiting Yankees' four-game winning streak.

Gi Meche (3-5) won his second straight start, giving up three runs — two earned — and seven hits in seven innings.

Royals 6, Athletics 1: Joe Randa hit a three-run double with two outs in the seventh to split a strong start by Barry Zito (8-9), and visiting Kansas City surprised the AL West leaders by taking two of the AL's five wins.

Zack Greinke (5-9) won for the first time in seven road starts and the Royals got their sixth victory in their last 26 games away from Kauffman Stadium. Greinke gave up one run on six hits in seven innings.



St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols, right, is congratulated by third base coach Jose Oquendo after hitting a two-run homer against the Atlanta Braves during the eighth inning at Atlanta on Sunday.

Rolen, Pujols power Cardinals to series victory over Braves

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — After an up-and-down year, Danny Haren savored his latest victory.

"When they come as far between as these last two have, you understand how hard it is to win a big league game," he said.

Scott Rolen homered twice to become the first NL player to reach 100 RBIs this season, and Haren won for the first time in more than a year, leading the St. Louis Cardinals past the Atlanta Braves 10-4 Sunday night.

Albert Pujols added another home run as the Cardinals won two of three in the battle of division leaders, handing Atlanta its first series loss since the end of June. St. Louis has the best record in the major leagues at 40-19.

"Their record is definitely deserved," Cardinals manager Tony LaRussa said. "But we're good, too." Rolen hit a pair of two-run drives off John Thomson (9-8) and reached 100 RBIs for the third straight season.

"I'm not trying to rack up personal accolades," Rolen said. "I'm not going to have a lot of success if I go out and try for personal goals."

Chipper Jones hit a solo homer for the Braves, giving him 1,000 career RBIs. He joined Hank Aaron, Eddie Matthews and Dale Murphy as the only players in franchise history to amass that total with the club.

Haren (1-2) limited the Braves to three runs and seven hits in five innings to win for the first time since he beat Pittsburgh on Aug. 11 last year. He started in place of Chris Carpenter, who was skipped because of stiffness in his lower back.

"He did an outstanding job," LaRussa said. "It's huge for him, and huge for us."

In his previous start, the 23-year-old Haren lasted only 3 1/2 innings against the Chicago Cubs, giving up 10 runs and 10 hits.

"That last game, it was just a fluke," Haren said. "By no means did I dwell on that. I just came out and tried to do my job."

Thomson, who lost for the first time in seven starts since July 3, gave up eight runs — four earned — and seven hits in four innings. Atlanta made three errors, including two in a six-run second inning, to increase its total to 97, the third-most in the NL.

Atlanta was without right fielder J.D. Drew, who sat out with a strained right quadriceps.

"It's another series, honestly," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "They were saying back in the first month of the season it was a make or break series with Florida. Then we went into Philadelphia, another make or break. You hear it all year long."

"They're series. That's the only way you can look at it."

Rafael Furcal singled off Haren to start the first and scored on a double by Marcus Giles. But Haren retired Jones on a grounder and struck out Johnny Estrada to end the threat.

Thomson bobbled a sacrifice bunt by Haren that loaded the bases with no outs in the second. Tony Womack hit into a forecourt at home, but Estrada threw wildly to first, allowing a run to score.

Larry Walker singled home two runs with a grounder that got past Furcal at shortstop, and Rolen made it 6-1 with his first home run.

"That's just one of those innings you forget about," Giles said. "It doesn't happen all the time. It was just pretty much a bad game all around. It's been a while since we've had one of those, really."

Cubs' Wood begins serving suspension after appeal denied

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood's appeal was rejected Monday and he will begin serving his five-game suspension Tuesday.

Wood was fined and suspended for angrily confronting umpire Eric Cooper on April 17. Wood initially served the suspension in May — but it was reinstated when he was placed on the disabled list for a period covering the penalty.

Wood became angry with Cooper on April 17 after walking Reds outfielder

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Adam Dunn on a 3-2 pitch in the ninth inning. Dunn later scored the go-ahead run on a double by Wily Mo Pena, leading Chicago manager Dusty Baker to pitch Wood.

After Baker made the pulling change, Wood sprinted off the mound and began screaming at Cooper before he was ejected. As he walked down the dugout, Wood heaved a batting helmet and gloves onto the field. Fans at Wrigley Field then littered the warning track with debris and

the game was held up for several minutes.

Spencer signs with Yankees

TAMPA, Fla. — Recently released outfielder Shane Spencer rejoined the New York Yankees on Monday, signing a minor league contract after working out at their spring training complex.

Spencer played for the Yankees from 1998-2002 and was let go by the New York Mets earlier this month. He will join Triple-A Columbus, and could eventually provide added depth for the AL East leaders.

Spencer batted .281 with four homers

and 26 RBIs in 185 at-bats with the Mets.

Griffey has surgery on torn hamstring

CINCINNATI — All-Star outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. had surgery Monday to repair his torn right hamstring and is expected to return for spring training.

"I am very optimistic for a complete return to normal activity," Cincinnati Reds' medical director Dr. Timothy Kremchek said after the two-hour operation.

Griffey, 34, begins four months of rehabilitation Thursday. He will remain in a sling harness from four to six weeks.

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Army marksman
Parker falls short
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Phelps' bid Thorpedoed



AP photos

Ian Thorpe, above, smiles after winning the 200-meter freestyle at the Olympics on Monday. Thorpe's win ended the quest of American Michael Phelps, right, to tie Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals.

U.S. teen won't match Spitz's golden record

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The kid couldn't catch the Thorpedo — and he won't be catching Mark Spitz, either.

Michael Phelps' quest for seven gold medals ended after just three events, doomed by another bronze Monday night in the most anticipated race at the Olympic pool — the head-to-head showdown with Australia's Ian Thorpe in the 200-meter freestyle.

Thorpe has ruled this event for years, but Phelps couldn't resist seeing what he could do against the man in black — part of the larger goal to break Spitz's record from the 1972 Munich Games.

His long arms churning smoothly in the homestretch, Thorpe passed Pieter van den Hoogenband in the homestretch, finishing with an Olympic record of 1 minute, 44.71 seconds. The Dutchman's time was 1:45.23, while Phelps never caught the top two.

Medal count			
Leaders after 39 medal events in the 2004 Olympics through Monday, Aug. 16:			
Country	G	S	B Total
China	10	4	1 15
Australia	6	2	5 13
United States	3	5	5 13
Russia	1	5	2 8
Japan	5	1	1 7
France	2	2	3 7
Italy	2	2	1 5
Netherlands	0	2	3 5
Germany	1	2	1 4
Turkey	2	0	1 3
Ukraine	2	0	1 3
Hungary	1	1	1 3

As he touched the wall, Thorpe quickly looked at the scoreboard and thrust a fist in the air, yelling as if to say "Take that!" when he saw a "1" beside his name — and a "2" beside van den Hoogenband.

Van den Hoogenband, the defending Olympic champion, pulled off a shocking upset of

Thorpe four years ago at Sydney. He got off to a quick start and was more than 1 second under world-record pace at the halfway point, but he couldn't maintain it and finished with the silver.

"Well, now we are even," said Thorpe, who won the fifth gold medal of his career and second of the Athens Games.

The 19-year-old from Baltimore was third most of the way, setting an American record of 1:45.32 that was only good enough for bronze.

"It was tough racing the two greatest freestylers of all time," Phelps said. "I had fun out there. I did what I wanted to do."

Thorpe and van den Hoogenband quickly clasped hands, while an exhausted Phelps clung to a lane rope, watching a replay of the race on the video board. Finally, he came over to congratulate his two rivals, then turned to swim out of the pool on the opposite side.



On his way off the deck, Phelps turned to take one final glance at the scoreboard before he disappeared behind the stands.

Even though he'll fall short of Spitz, Phelps has plenty of swimming left in Athens. He returned to the pool just 52 minutes later for the semifinals of the 200 butterfly. There's still the very real possibility that he'll win eight medals — they just won't all be gold.

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U.S. men's
gymnastics earns
first team medal
in 20 years

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Singh needs
playoff to claim
PGA Championship

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Pujols helps
Cards take series
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